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Promising Start

THE Peking decision to deport four American airmen (they arrived in Hongkong yesterday) leaves about 51 American civilians and servicemen still detained in Communist China, according to official US Government assessments. The four airmen, it should be stressed, are not in any way connected with the 11 airmen whose presence in China was announced last year as alleged "spies" and espionage agents.

Those released yesterday were jet pilots shot down during the Korean war. Peking claims they were actually brought down in Chinese territory after being caught "intruding" but there is no official confirmation of this. But obviously they are not in the same category as the other 11 who have been charged with an ostensibly far more serious offence. The civilians, too, presumably come under a different category than either set of airmen, but little is known of the reason for their detention.

The release of the British radio operator, Robert Ford on Sunday who was also charged with "espionage" gives rise to speculation that the 11 airmen may be given their freedom soon. Ford's detention in China or Tibet for almost five years is a poor indicator to the likely sentence to be served by the airmen. For the most part, Ford was in prison during a time when Peking's relations with the West were very much more strained than they are today.

MUCH therefore depends on the present attitude of Peking (and possibly Washington, too, for the Chinese may well respond, as Mr Krishna Menon indicated yesterday, to reciprocal moves to reduce tension). The release of the airmen is, however, a promising start. Mr Krishna Menon described it as a "first step" by China to lowering international tension in the Far East. He continued: "As from now we can reasonably hope towards an easing of the situation, given goodwill on both sides. It requires not bargains but actions to lower tension from both sides. This could be like a snowball once it started rolling."

Few, perhaps, will share his last opinion, "however earnestly an early consummation of a new and more friendly relationship is to be wished. The United States, if for no other reason than that it will avoid any move which could be interpreted as compromising or embarrassing its Nationalist allies, may be expected to proceed cautiously. Politics and diplomacy dictate that an alliance so carefully nourished and defended by successive administrations will not be liquidated overnight."

AMERICA's desire to end tension in the Far East, however, cannot be challenged, and it can be expected that there will be tense and possibly strained negotiations behind the scenes between Taipei and Washington in the next few months to effect a smooth and gradual transition of American policy. Mr Chou En-lai's message to Mr Hammarskjold yesterday suggests the visit of the UN Secretary-General to Peking early this year played a major part in the airmen's release. Mr Lodge's handsome tribute to him in New York was therefore fully justified.

Finally, an observation on the Chinese decision: it forms a corollary to Mr Chou's Bandung peace pledge wherein he professedly sought an easing of tension in the Far East. As such it is clearly a welcome move and the world will watch for further evidence of the good intentions of both China and America with hope and optimism.

# THREAT TO STEEL INDUSTRY

## Ships Lie Idle In Docks



Some 20,000 dockers went on strike last week in London, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Manchester and Hull. The strike is the result of an inter-union dispute, between the Stevedores Union and the Transport and General Workers Union. This aerial view taken from a specially chartered aircraft shows two of the big London docks, the King George V (on the left) and the Royal Albert (on the right) where many ships lie idle as a result of the strike.—London Express.

## May Be Forced By Strikes To Close Down In Britain

### CAN LAST ANOTHER EIGHT DAYS

London, May 31.  
Britain's steel industry is in danger of having to shut down because of the crippling railway and dock strikes, which have tied up the nation's transport.

The nation's steel mills announced today that they have only eight days' supplies of fuel and minerals. Two of the biggest mills announced that they will have to close down their blast furnaces by next Thursday if the strike continues, thus throwing tens of thousands of employees out of work.

Other industries which depend on the railways for transport were also faced with the necessity of closing.

Meanwhile, the number of striking dock workers rose to 19,900 today, when employees returning from vacation joined the ranks of the strikers.

## It's "Back To School Again" In Italy

Rome, May 31.  
The Italian teachers' trade union tonight ended a strike for higher wages of 52,000 secondary school teachers after two days.

They thus dashed the hopes of a million children whose annual examinations begin tomorrow.

After two days of intensive negotiations a compromise was reached on the eve of the examinations. The terms will be disclosed later. The union ordered immediate suspension of the strike.

The government was evidently surprised at the success of the strike and at the amount of sympathy aroused among parents for teachers' wage claims. The minimum salary for a teacher is 44,000 lire (225) a month.

The main force behind the strike was the powerful Catholic Trade Union Federation.—Reuter.

## VICTORY FOR DICK HAYMES

Washington, May 31.  
A United States District Court ruled here today that Argentine-born crooner Dick Haymes, husband of Rita Hayworth, is not liable to deportation.

Haymes has been fighting a government move to have him deported on the grounds that he entered the United States illegally after a visit to Hawaii. Today's ruling was that, in effect, he never left the United States when he went to Hawaii, an American territory in 1953.

Haymes, 38, had gone to Hawaii to see Miss Hayworth, former wife of Aly Khan, and for a singing engagement.—Reuter.

## Reached Freedom Minus Clothes

Vienna, May 31.  
A Czech citizen today chose freedom by getting rid of all his clothes.

Austrian customs officers of the Ringeldorf district were astonished when they saw a naked man coming to them from the Czech border. When questioned, the man appeared to be normal. He said his name was Ladislav Pozgay, aged 22, and an electrician by trade.

He explained his strange attire by the fact that at first he used his clothes to avoid contact with the electric wires in the barbed wire netting protecting the border on the Czech side, but before crossing a river to reach freedom, he tied his clothes together and placed them over his head.

He swam and reached the opposite bank. The clothes did not. The current was too strong.—France-Press.

## Rain-Making Experiments To Continue In Hongkong

Rain-making experiments in Hongkong are to be continued for another two weeks, the acting Director of the Royal Observatory, Mr C. S. Ramage said today.

The reason for this, he said, was that May was not a particularly satisfactory month for testing the water-seeding theory.

Only on about seven or eight days could conditions be described as favourable. "There were too many days when there was either no cloud or else general rain," Mr Ramage said.

Records of May rainfall were expected to reach the Observatory soon but it was impossible to say at this stage what conclusions would be reached. Mr Ramage would expect next two weeks might produce conditions which would enable meteorologists to arrive at an answer.

## DELAY IN REPORT

Because of the decision to extend the period of trial, a final report would not be forwarded to Government until at least the end of this month.

If the results were clear and definite the compiling of the report would be relatively straightforward. Otherwise it would involve detailed comparisons with past statistics and in this case the report might take longer.

Rain-making experiments began in Hongkong last month. The experiments were conducted on alternate days and the method used was to seed clouds with a fine water spray. The operations were conducted from The Peak and Mount Gough.

## Rush To Join German Cadres

Bonn, May 31.  
Some 170,000 Germans have now volunteered for the cadres of the future West German armed forces, the Federal Security Commissioner indicated tonight.

Among these are 130,000 for combat troops and 40,000 for support units. No medical examinations have yet taken place, the Defence Office said, and therefore it was impossible to say how many of the volunteers would be selected.

The number of volunteers was still increasing. West German authorities added. For the moment, the cadres have been set at 150,000 men.—France-Press.

## Ike Wants Early Date For Talks

Washington, May 31.  
President Eisenhower said today that the United States had no definite position on the date and site for the Big Four conference, but would prefer it to be held at a relatively early date.

He reiterated that, as he saw it, the conference was intended to discuss general problems with a view to establishing procedures for settling them.

The President was replying to a journalist who had asked him if he had considered taking along Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, when the President attended the Big Four talks.

## LIMITED NUMBERS

President Eisenhower, after outlining his ideas on such a conference, said the representatives of the legislative branch should sit in at international conference when it was dealing with a precise and detailed programme.

President Eisenhower also made the point that he thought the delegations at the Big Four talks should be as limited as possible in numbers.

He stressed that the Government's chief conference would not doubt deal with the problem of the reunification of Germany, but should not be expected to discuss the question in detail.

The President added that the United States would always take into account the views of Western Germany, which, he declared, was destined to become one of the United States' best allies.—France-Press.

## Man Goes Berserk With Gun: Kills 3 People

Dayton, Ohio, May 31.

A berserk gunman who said he "did it for his God," charged into two banks today and shot and killed three persons, including a former football coach, before he was fatally wounded himself by Police bullets.

Killed were: Former University of Dayton football coach Joe Gavin who died in the hospital shortly after being shot.

Mrs Fred Cramer, a Secretary at the Third National Bank, who died of chest wounds.

George Sawaya, a market operator, who died on the scene.

The gunman was identified as Richard Meyers, 46, of the Samu Hotel, who told the Police on the way to the hospital that he "did it for his God." He died about two hours after the shooting.

The shooting occurred during the mid-morning rush hour at Dayton's busiest business section.

The Police said that Meyers just walked into the lobby of the Third National Bank and first shot Mrs Cramer point blank in the chest. He then shot Mr Sawaya and fired another shot at a Vice-President of the Bank before spraying shots around the bank.

Upon emptying his .38 calibre automatic pistol, Meyers walked next door to the Winters Bank and Trust Company, and shot two others before being cut down by Police bullets.

He was placed handcuffed on a stretcher and rushed to the Miami Valley Hospital, where he died.

The Police said that the critically wounded were: Helen Burks, 48, shot twice in the legs and once in the chest, and W. C. Sherman, assistant Vice-President of the Third National Bank, shot under the heart.—United Press.

## Tito Defends The West

Belgrade, May 31.  
President Tito of Yugoslavia defended the West during conversations with Soviet leaders here, sources close to the Yugoslav celebration said today.

The sources said that President Tito defended the United States against the Soviet charge that America was "warlike" and "aggressive".

The profound change in Soviet foreign policy, which has occurred since the death of Joseph Stalin has been accompanied by equally profound changes in the Soviet internal system, the sources said.

They declared that the Soviet delegation here, in private conversations, strongly denounced the past excesses of the Soviet police and even admitted it was necessary for the USSR to reinforce the protection of the rights of individuals.

## VICTORY FOR PEACE

With the talks nearly ended, Yugoslav circles are unanimous in the belief that the meeting of Soviet and Yugoslav leaders constituted a great victory for peace.

The spokesman for the Soviet delegation, Leonid Ilytkhev, told an impromptu press conference today that the talks had been marked by a spirit of "mutual understanding".

He said that a joint press conference would be held at the end of the talks.

Meanwhile, Belgrade radio said today that the personal contacts among Yugoslav and Soviet leaders at Brioni Island had, in spite of "certain differences of view," permitted the discovery of a common denominator on which agreement could be reached.

President Tito is scheduled to return to Belgrade tomorrow from Bled, while the remaining Yugoslav and Soviet leaders will return to Belgrade on Thursday.—France-Press.

## THIRTEEN ESPIONAGE AGENTS ARRESTED

Prague, May 31.  
The Czechoslovak Interior Ministry tonight announced the arrest of 13 espionage agents alleged to have been sent to Czechoslovakia by the American espionage service and a number of other persons with "espionage connections".

Police investigations showed that the 13 were sent from West Germany with weapons and explosives, and instructions to build up a spy net in Czechoslovakia, the announcement said.

It added that confessions by the arrested agents showed they had been instructed to get information about the Czech armed forces and economy and to photograph important industrial and military buildings and communications.

The agents were trained in long courses under American instructors, the announcement said. Questioning of them was continuing.—Reuter.

## Segregation Must End Says Court

Washington, May 31.

The United States Supreme Court today directed that segregation of white and negro schoolchildren be ended as soon as feasible.

But the court, whose ruling was read by Chief Justice Earl Warren, said local conditions could be taken into account.

Mr Warren said the high tribunal expected full compliance with its decision as early as practicable.

The court's opinion today technically reversed judgments of lower federal courts in three states and the District of Columbia which were based on the doctrine of "separate but equal" facilities for negroes.

## ORDER TO COURTS

The district courts where these cases originated were directed "to take such proceedings and enter such orders and decrees consistent with this opinion as are necessary and proper to admit to public schools on a racially non-discriminatory basis with all deliberate speed negroes involved in the litigation".

The decision while broad enough to cover segregation in schools everywhere is not expected to end segregation in all areas especially in some parts of the South.

In schools and states not directly involved in the cases it will presumably be up to negro parents to bring suits in school districts which refuse to integrate.

## GIVEN LONG TIME

Supporters of segregation in the South hailed the Supreme Court decision as giving them a long time in which to carry out its 1954 ruling.

Mr Herman Talmadge, former Governor of Georgia, said "it won't be feasible in Georgia for a long long time."

Mr C. A. Scott, a negro editor, took another view, saying "a definite date would have been a handicap. Local communities now may be able to speed things up."

Many leaders declined to comment pending a full study of the terms of Chief Justice Warren's statement.—Reuter.

## MALIK RETURNS

London, May 31.

The Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Mr Jacob Malik, returned to London tonight by air from Moscow.

Mr Malik will head the Soviet delegation in talks with Japanese delegates tomorrow in London.

The conversations are being held for the purpose of bringing relations between Moscow and Tokyo back to normal.—France-Press.

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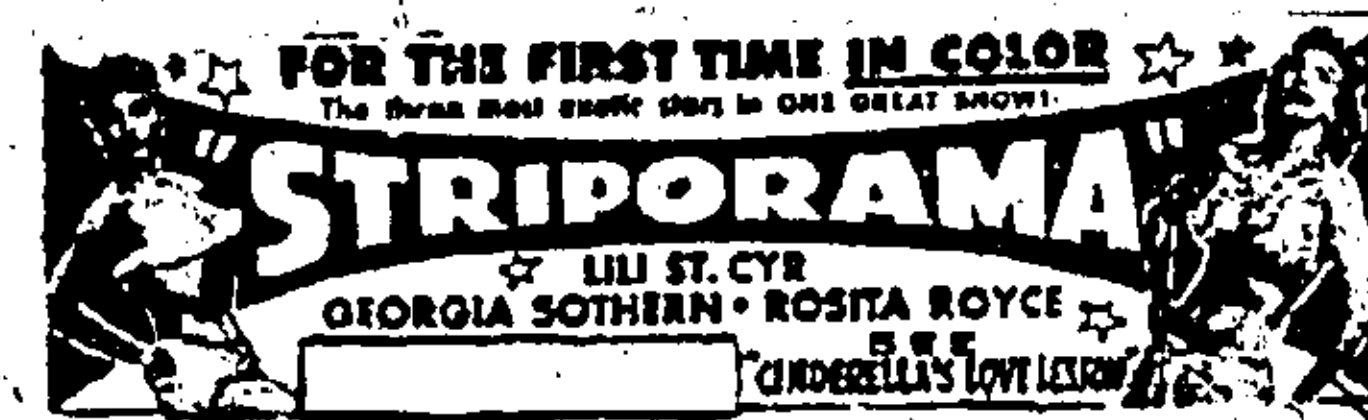
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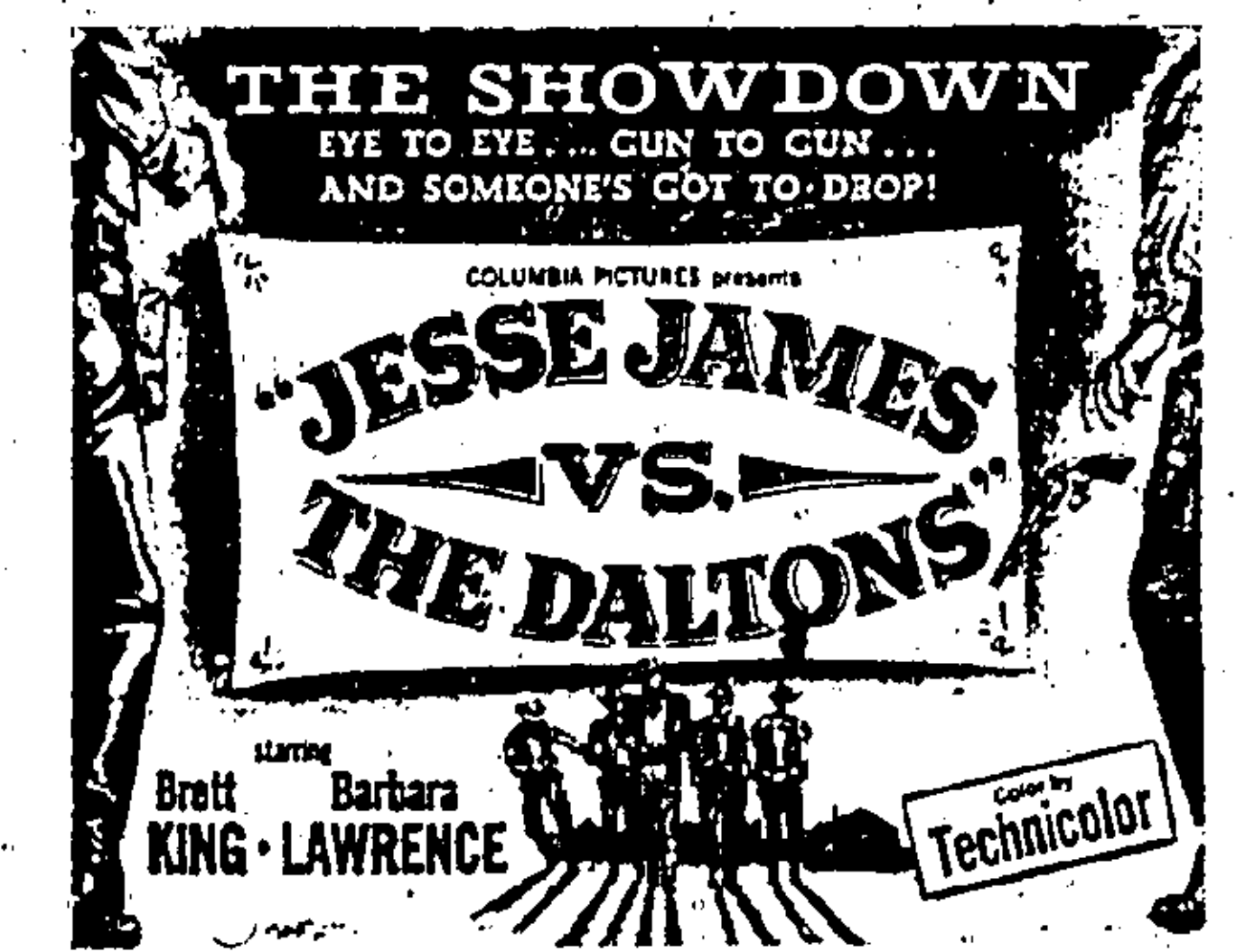


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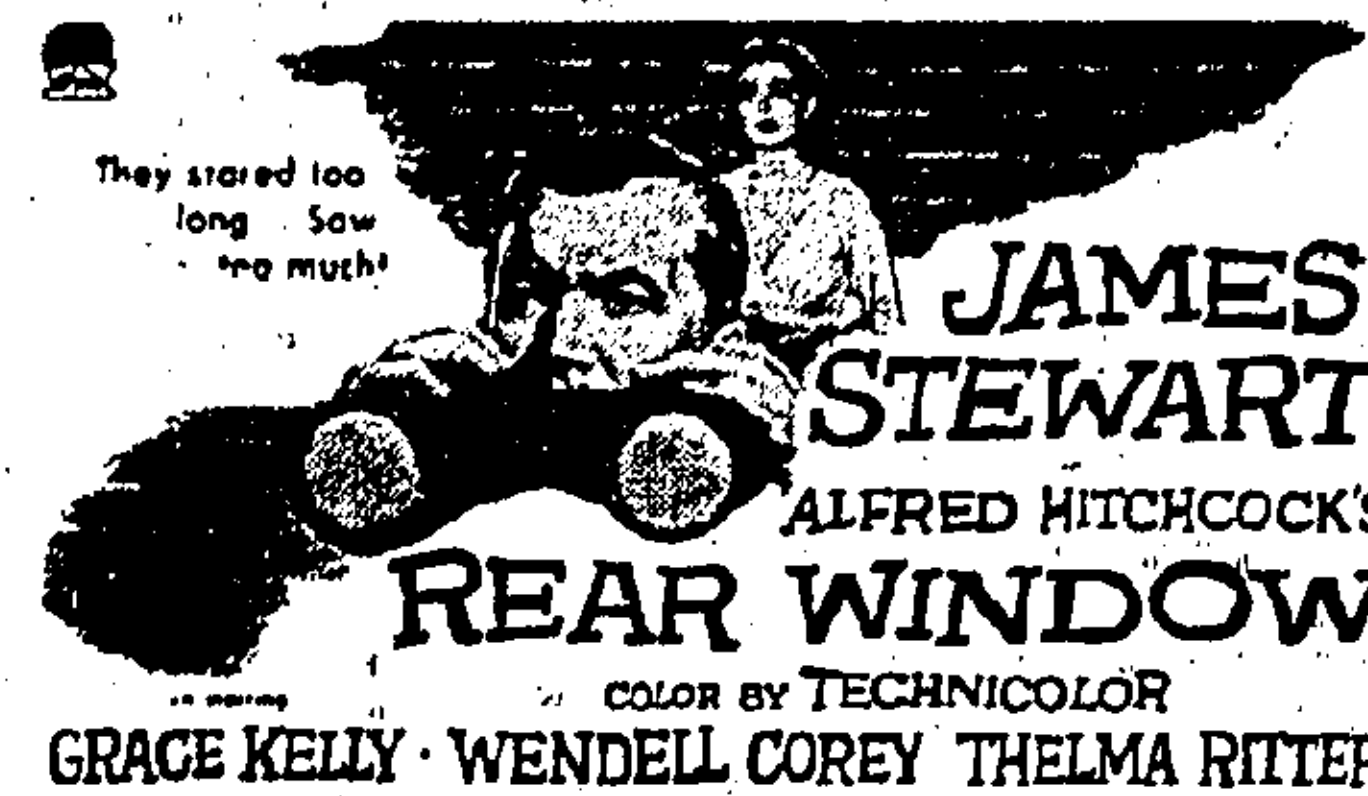


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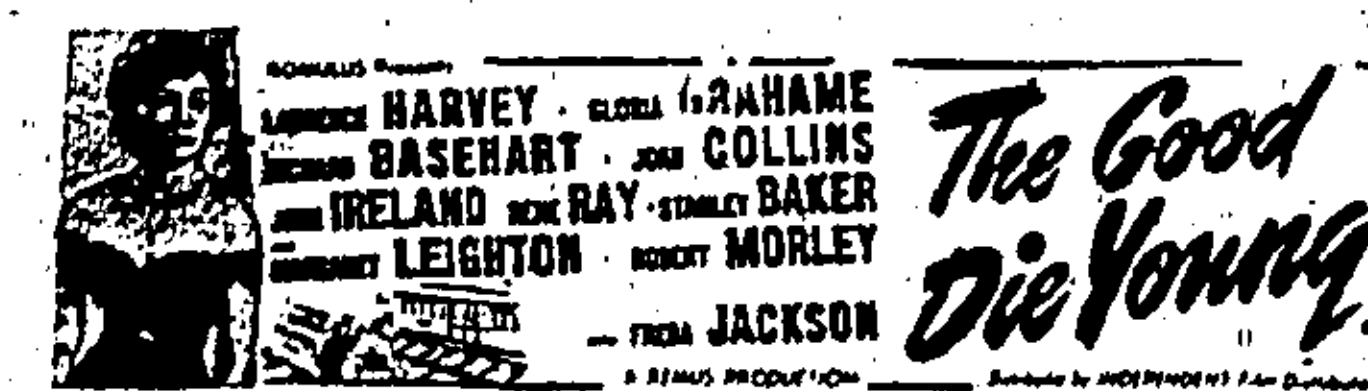
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## US STRIKE AVERTED

## Parties Unable To Decide On Terms

Detroit, May 31.

The Ford Motor Company and United Auto Workers Union today clamped a total news blackout on their talks held against the background of threatened strike action by the Company's 140,000 employees.

The possibility of a strike—authorised to begin any time after midnight tomorrow if the two sides failed to come to terms—appeared to have been averted yesterday by an unprecedented union move.

This was that all Ford workers be balloted by an independent organisation on whether they prefer the Company's "prosperity partnership" offer to the UAW's demand for a guaranteed annual wage irrespective of layoffs.

## REPLY PROMISED

Mr Henry Ford, President of the Company, promised a reply at the bargaining table but there was no indication today what his answer was and Union leaders have made it clear that if there is no settlement a walkout will not be long delayed after the deadline they have set.

Both sides issued a joint statement today saying there would be a "24-hour moratorium" on any public discussion of matters being considered at the bargaining table.

The statement added that the news blackout "may be extended by mutual agreement."

Observers close to the talks said tonight that it appeared that Company and Union were far apart in their bargaining positions.

Today Ford took full page advertisements in several newspapers to explain their offer, which includes allowing workers to buy shares in the Company at half price when these come on the market for the first time, granting interest-free loans during layoff periods, improved pensions to as much as \$222 for a man and wife—better insurance benefits, pay rises and other improvement.

The Union has rejected the cheap shares offer as a "phony" and "crumbs for the workers."

Tonight there was speculation that the Company had rejected the Union offer of a ballot but had come up with counter proposals.

The Union's biggest branch, Local 600, has called a mass meeting for tomorrow afternoon at the start of the change of shifts at Ford's huge River Rouge factory.

Mr Carl Stellato, the branch President, said if negotiations were not successfully concluded by the time of the meeting members might "set the time for striking at the Rouge plant."

Federal and State mediators stood by tonight ready to join in the management-union negotiations if and when their services might be helpful.

## KEEP OUT

President Eisenhower said today that the Government would keep out of the dispute unless a national emergency developed.

Ford, second biggest car makers in the United States with assets estimated at \$1,900 million, produced 2,040,000 vehicles last year in its various

manufacturing plants in the United States.

General Motors, biggest of the car making firms with 325,000 employees, resumed negotiations with the Union today for a new contract to replace the one which expires on June 7.

Ford's agreement with the UAW expires tomorrow. General Motors have made a similar offer to that of Ford. So far there has been no threat of a strike at their factories.—Reuters.

## Indonesian Premier Visits Mills

Paris, May 31.

The Indonesian Premier, Ali Sastroamidjojo, who is on a visit to Communist China, today visited the industrial city of Anshan, the New China News Agency reported.

The Agency said that Mr Sastroamidjojo and his party visited the heavy rolling mill, the seamless tubing mill and the iron and steel smelting plants, accompanied by the Vice-Mayor of Anshan, Wang Yi-shin.

The distinguished guests were warmly welcomed by the workers said in these plants, the Agency said.

A dinner in honour of the Indonesian Premier and his party was given in the evening by the Vice-Mayor. Most of the Indonesian delegation then left by plane for Changchun to visit China's first automobile plant, the Agency said.—France-Press.

## Israeli Honour For U NU

Tel-Aviv, May 31.

Visiting Burmese Premier U Nu emphasised the friendly ties existing between Burma and Israel in a speech at the Town Hall here today.

In a special ceremony, officials of the City conferred the Freedom of the City on U Nu.

Before the ceremony, U Nu and the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Moshe Sharet, drove in an open car through the main streets of the city, which were lined with cheering crowds and decorated with Burmese and Israeli flags.

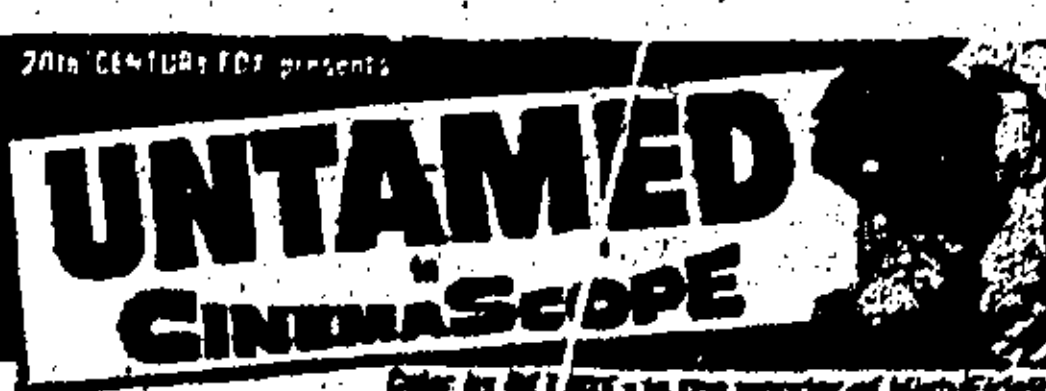
In the afternoon, the Burmese Premier toured Tel-Aviv and in the evening was scheduled to attend a special gala programme in honour of the visiting Burmese delegation at the Hebrew theatre "Habimah".—France-Press.

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## Arab Legion Band In London



One of the items on the programme for this year's Searchlight Tattoo, taking place at the White City, London, (July 4-9) is a spectacular performance by the Band of the Arab Legion (the Army of Trans-Jordan). The band of 150 musicians has just arrived in the United Kingdom. This close-up picture of Staff Sergeant Issa Khalil playing the bagpipes was taken during the rehearsals for the show.—Express Photo.

## Communists Want Court Ruling

Washington, May 31.

The United States Supreme Court today granted a Communist Party request for a final ruling on the constitutionality of the law under which the party was ordered to register as an organisation subject to orders by the Soviet Union.

The Party in petitioning for the ruling, asked the Court to overturn a 2-1 decision by the Federal Court of Appeals here. The Appeals Court upheld constitutionality of the 1950 Subversive Activities Control Act and a registration order by Subversive Activities Control Board.

## MUST REGISTER

The Board's order required the Party to register with the Attorney-General, supplying a list of its members, and submit a financial accounting. The order was issued after months of hearings and arguments.

The Communist Party's petition said final approval of the Act would mean the outlawing of the organisation. It also would jeopardise the trade union movement and imperil liberties of countless non-Communists, the petition said.

Under 1954 amendment to the Act the Attorney-General announced that he would proceed against some unions he considered Communist dominated.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on the appeal in its new term beginning next October 3.—Reuters.

## Yugoslavs Give Luncheon For Indians

Belgrade, May 31.

The National Assembly President, Mr. Mosa Pijade, was host at a luncheon given today to honour a visiting Indian parliamentary delegation which arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Krishnamurti Rao, President of the Indian Parliament's Upper House, recalled the enthusiastic reception given President Tito when he visited India last year. Mr. Rao said he hoped the delegation's visit would strengthen friendly relations between India and Yugoslavia.

Mr. Pijade said India-Yugoslav cooperation was a striking example that close relations are possible between "peace and progress loving peoples of different races and religions separated by vast geographic distances."—France-Press.

## Seven Killed In Air Crash

Rangoon, May 31.

The Burmese Government announced today that the wreckage of a missing Burmese Air Force transport plane has been found and that all seven men aboard were killed.

The plane has been missing since May 13 when it disappeared during operations against Sino-Nationalist guerrillas.

The wreckage was found by Thai villagers on a 75,000-foot hill one and a half miles west of the Siamese border village of Muang Fang.

The two flying officers and five crewmen all were dead, and their bodies have been cremated and the ashes will be flown to Burma, today's announcement said.—United Press.

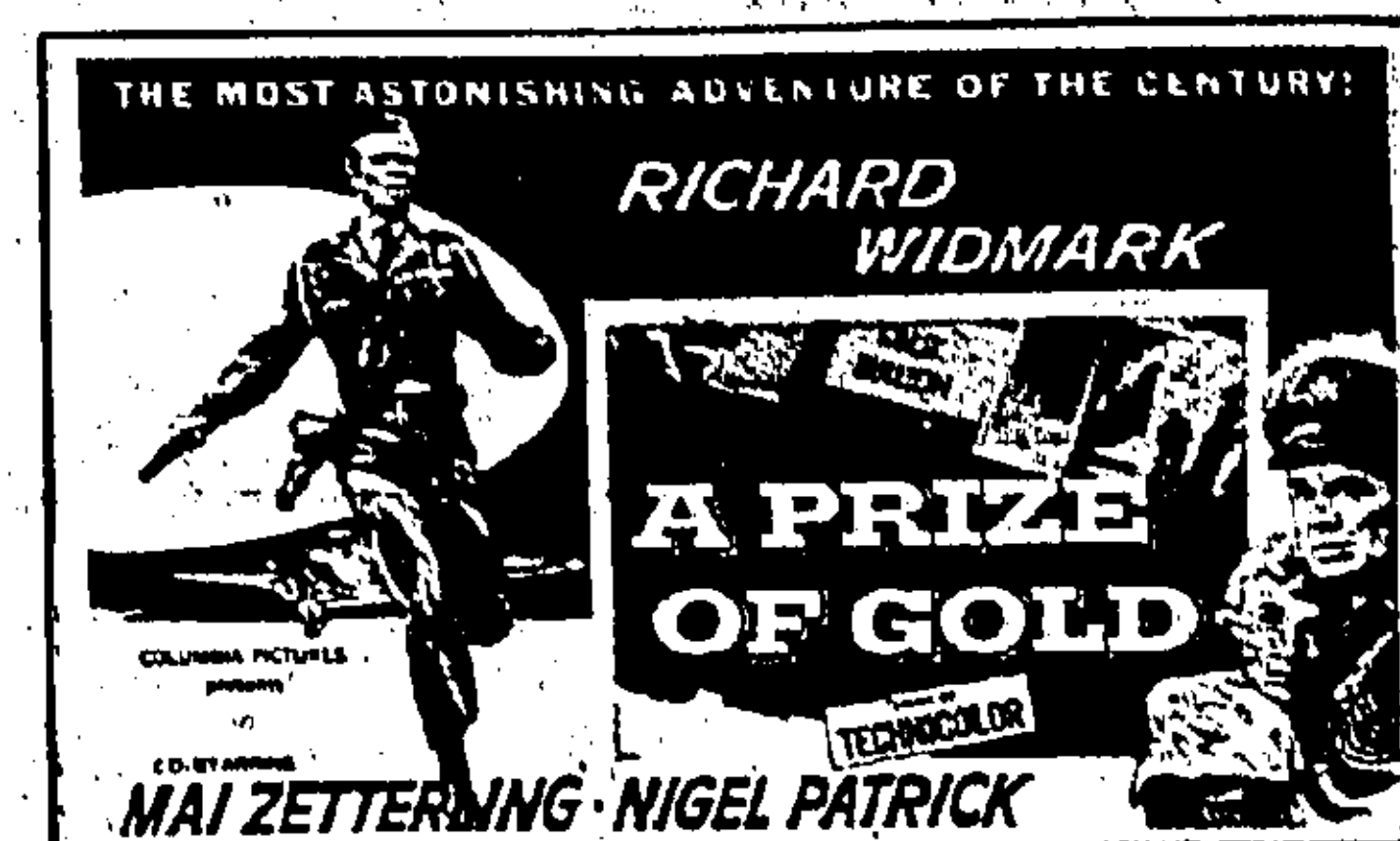
Rome, May 31. Police here have placed under open arrest 18 people—alleged to be connected with a Rome gang which forged false university degrees.

In March, seven alleged members of the gang were accused of selling the degrees.—China Mail Special.

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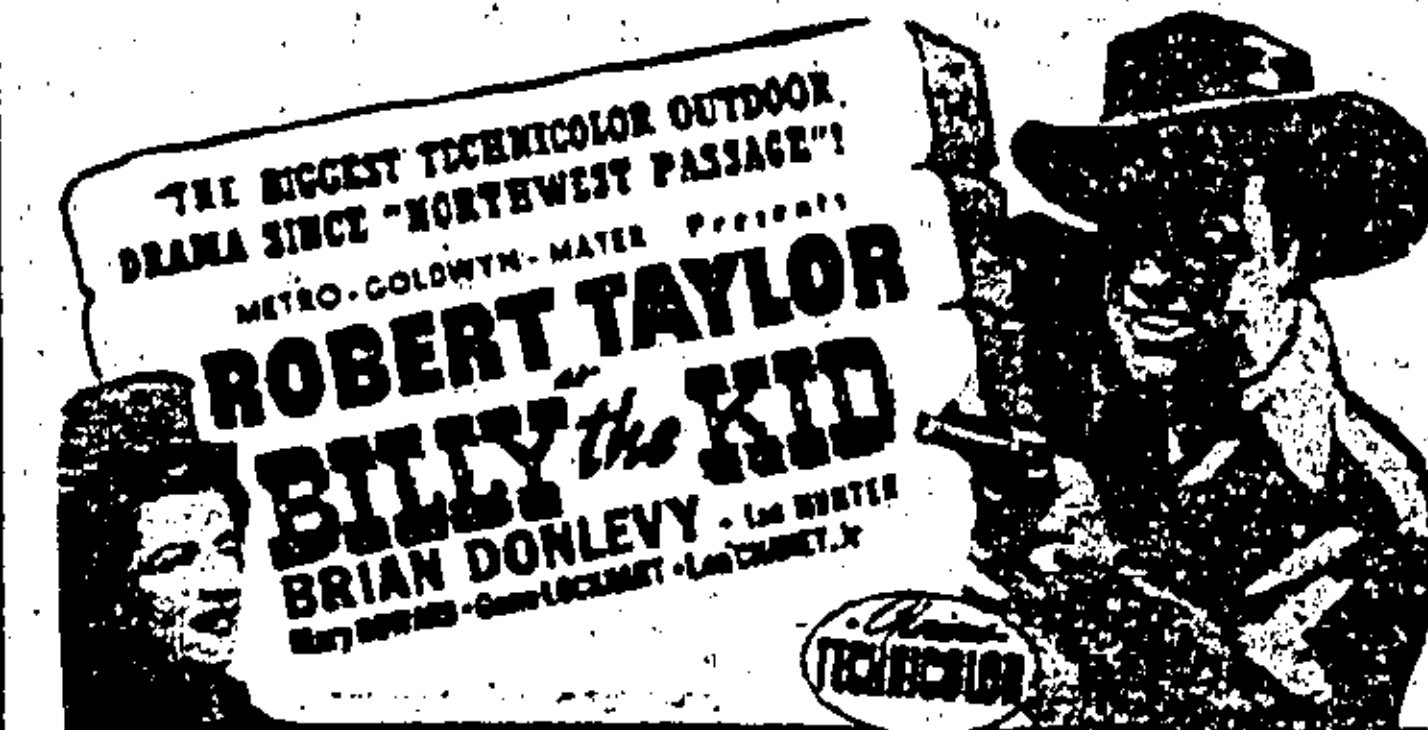
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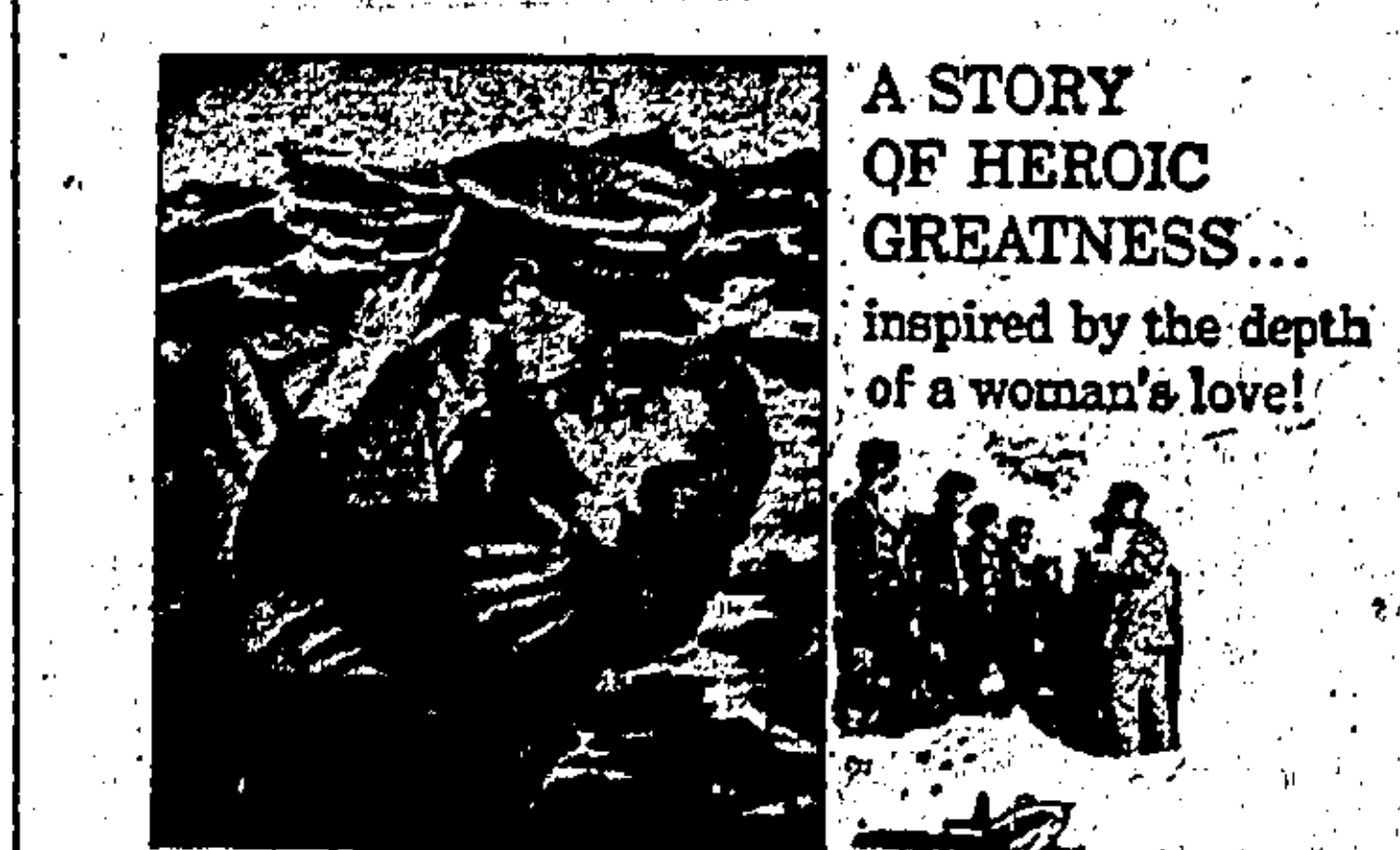
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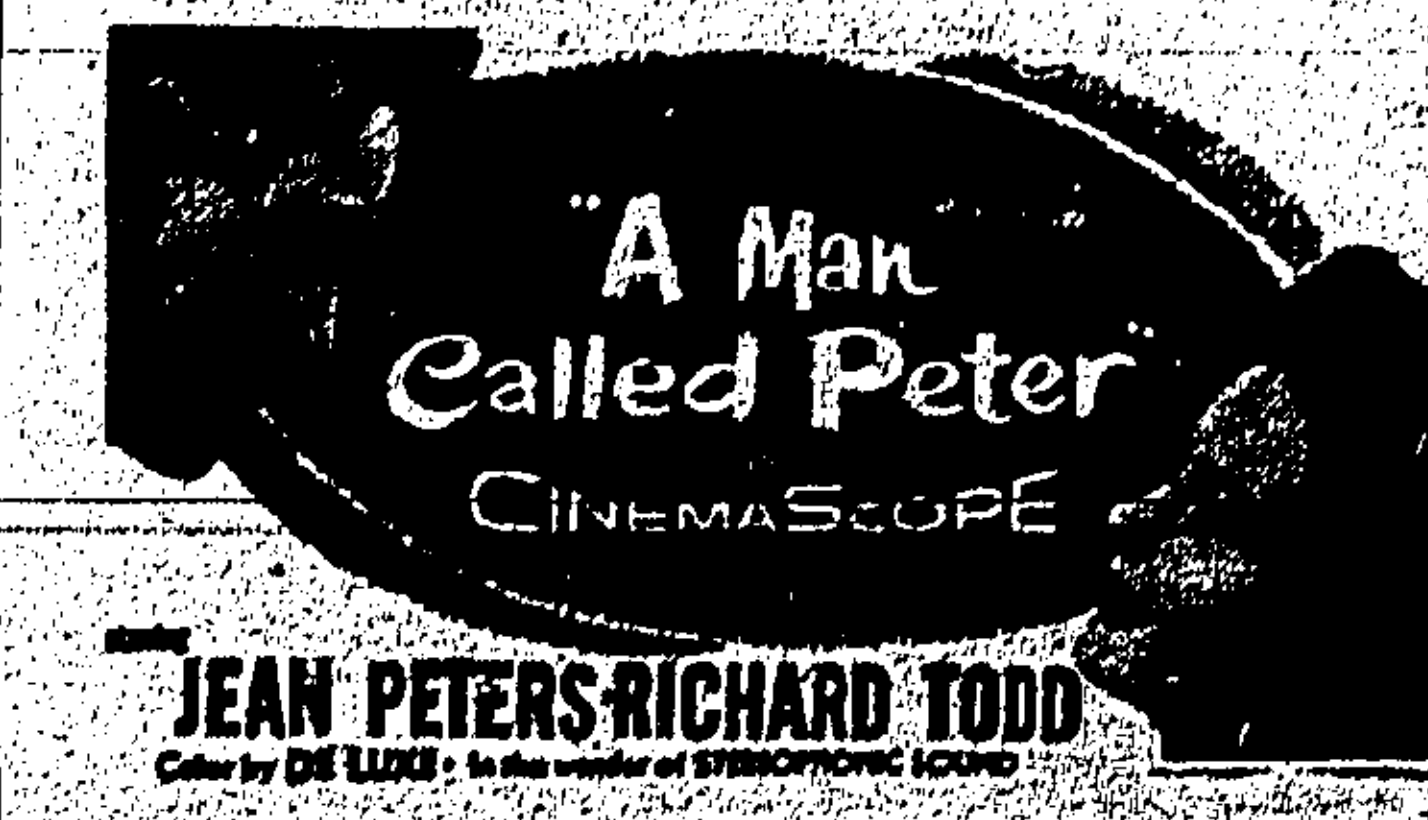
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# Germany Wants Fair Deal At Four-Power Talks

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## RUSSIANS CRACK DOWN ON BLACK-MARKET

Moscow, May 31. Soviet newspapers are giving publicity to heavy prison sentences for black-market speculating in food, clothing and household goods. A woman shop assistant at Kishinev, in Moldavia, was sent to prison for seven years for stealing 30 sacks of flour from the shop at which she worked and selling it at black-market prices in a nearby village. A man accomplice who helped her remove the flour from the shop by night was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

The Moldavian court, which tried the case, was told that last October the woman had sold black-market wheat flour at five roubles per kilogramme when the State price was just over two-and-a-half roubles.

A. Baku, in Azerbaijan, an "inveterate" speculator, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment with subsequent loss of civil rights for two years and confiscation of property, according to the newspaper Pravda.

When they searched the speculator's home, police found 140,000 roubles in cash, 9,000-100,000 roubles worth of State bonds, as well as many valuables, including gold rings, coins, watches, ingots, a 10-yard-long gold chain and diamonds.

### LAUNDRY BLUE

Investia, the Soviet Government newspaper, reported a 15-year sentence for a supply organisation store manager who defrauded State enterprises as well as private customers of 450,589 roubles in 20 months by falsifying the price of laundry blue.

Whenever new consignments of goods in short supply go on sale in Moscow department stores, police are on duty to make sure that newly-bought articles are not resold at black-market prices.—China Mail Special.

### DOGS TOOK HINT

New York, May 31. Mrs. Bobbie Clay was fined \$5 at Louisville, Kentucky, for shouting "Run, run," as an official dog-catcher stalked two dogs.

The dogs got away and Mrs. Clay was found guilty of disorderly conduct.—China Mail Special.

## NO BARGAINING ON REUNIFICATION

Washington, May 31.

Dr Heinz Krekler, West German Ambassador here, said today that the reunification of Germany "should not be an object of bargaining" with the Soviet Union.

"As the self-determination of peoples is one of the basic human rights, so reunification in our opinion should not be made an object for bargaining and in that sense we feel that the Soviet Union is not morally justified in asking a price for it," he told the National Press Club.

Rejecting as "worthless" Soviet suggestions for a European security system without the United States, he said this could only result in establishing Soviet control over all of Europe. It would be "utterly irresponsible, not to say suicidal," if the existing Western defence alliance were to be broken up.

### NO SELLING

"We Germans have not concluded the Paris treaties (bringing a rearmament West Germany into the Atlantic alliance) so that we might be able to sell them as part of a deal with the Kremlin," the Ambassador declared.

The greatest hope for the reunification of Germany lay within a worldwide settlement of the present tension between East and West. "We also know that we must not try for a reunification of Germany at a price or under conditions which would endanger our national security," he said.

Neutralisation would mean the collapse of the defensive

## BRITAIN STILL OPPOSED TO SPAIN IN NATO

London, May 31. Britain made it clear today that she did not favour Spain's admission to NATO.

At a noon Press conference, the spokesman for the Foreign Office was asked whether Britain aligned herself with Mr John Foster Dulles' recent expression of hope that Spain would join NATO.

The spokesman replied: "We have never recommended it." Asked whether Britain would oppose Spain's inclusion in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the spokesman added: "We have never favoured it."—United Press.

## LUFTHANSA ROUTE TO AMERICA

Washington, May 31. President Eisenhower today formally approved authorisation for West Germany's Lufthansa airlines to operate between Germany and New York City.

On the basis of M. Eisenhower's approval, the Civil Aeronautics Board issued an order permitting the Lufthansa operations for one year, or longer if further agreement is made.

Officials said the inaugural flight of the new Lufthansa service will be made later this week. "Regular twice-a-week round-trip service will start next week and this will be stepped up to a service of six round trips per week within a month or so."

The authorisation covers passenger, cargo and mail service.

The flights will be between one or more cities in Germany and New York, via Shannon, Ireland, and Gander, Newfoundland.—United Press.

## Faure Confers With Juin

Paris, May 31. The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure tonight conferred with Marshal Alphonse Juin, France's leading soldier, who has just returned from a visit of state to Algeria.

The two men were understood to have discussed the proposed "co-ordination committee" which would organise the anti-rebel strategy in Algeria from Paris.

It is believed that Marshal Juin, Resident-General of Morocco from 1947 to 1951 and a leading military expert on North Africa, may sit on the committee.—United Press.



A group of Viennese art students are seen demonstrating in Vienna's Kaerntnerstrasse—following the announcement of the New Austrian Government plans for the formation of an Austrian Army. The plans are based on general conscription.—Express Photo.

## Cane Our Children? Yes, Say Parents

London, May 31.

Headmaster Mr George Pape asked the parents of 350 boys and girls aged ten and 11 if they thought the cane should be used. Result: An overwhelming Yes. Out of 200 replies only 18 were against it.

So yesterday the children at Mr Pape's school in Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire, were told they can expect little sympathy from parents if they are caned for misbehaviour.

### ONE CONSOLATION

There was one consolation for them. Mr Pape said: "I shall not change my policy. I believe in using the cane as infrequently as possible."

The survey was conducted by a parents' teachers' association. Parents were also asked when they thought the cane should be used.

This is how they voted: For: wilful damage—138; stealing—138; dishonesty—132; bullying—122; disobedience—108; cheek—106.

Forty-six thought the cane should be used to correct poor work and laziness and 30 for lateness.

Parents made no distinction between boys and girls. Most thought teachers were too lenient. More than half the parents thought all teachers should have the right to wield the cane. Seventy thought only the headmaster should do so.

Most parents spoke from personal experience—142 admitted they had been caned at school and 72 considered it had done them good.

### ALL BUT TWO

All but two said they chastise their children at home. Said Mr Pape, 44, head of the school for the last three years: "I think the survey shows parents are rather behind the times."

"I do not disagree with the cane altogether—I was caned myself as a schoolboy."

"But I find no necessity to use it more than half a dozen times a term, chiefly for bullying or rank disobedience. For other things there are usually better ways for dealing with children."

## Chinese Opera In Paris

Paris, May 31. The Peking Opera troupe which will give its first performance in Paris next Saturday night as part of the International festival of dramatic art, arrived here tonight by rail from Bern, after a three-week trip from China.

The group, numbering about 75 singers, dancers and musicians, was welcomed by French actress Gaby Morlay, President of the French Actors Union, and M. A.M. Julien, Director of the Paris Festival.—France-Press.

## CAIRO FIRE

Cairo, May 31. A fire caused by a short circuit in the United States section gutted the second international tourism exhibition in Loufialla Palace today, destroying \$12,000 worth of tourism pictures from 20 countries. No one was hurt.

The exhibition was to have opened officially tomorrow with a visit from the Premier, Lutfi al-Khalil, and the President, Abdel Nasser. The Palace, built by Khedive Ismail nearly 100 years ago, is located on Gezireh Island in the Nile River.—United Press.

## Alleged Spies Arrested

Sofia, May 31.

Four men and two women arrested at Neochori village near the Bulgarian border on a charge of espionage for Bulgaria used a tree as a postbox for written reports and the collection of money, military authorities here alleged.

All six confessed that they provided the Bulgarian military intelligence with information about Greece and admitted meeting Bulgarian agents in the field where the tree stood, the military authorities said.—China Mail Special.

## Sound Barrier Cracked By Missile

Paris, May 31.

French pilotless missiles, which take off with rockets and are propelled by jet "stato-reactor" have cracked the sound barrier on a sharply angled ascent and attained a speed of 1,625 miles an hour. It was announced here today.

The experimental devices used only a single jet to cross the sonic barrier.

The "stato-reactor" is essentially a long tube without mobile parts, consisting of a combustion chamber open at both ends, one for air intake and the other for burned gas exhaust.

SEVERAL YEARS. The French aviation authorities, who have been experimenting with this new type of machine for several years, said it was cheap, very light and used ordinary aviation gasoline.

The experiments are being carried out by the SNCAN (National Aeronautical Construction Company of the North). The experts are hoping to use "stato-reactors" not only in missiles but also for fighter planes.—France-Press.

Vienna, May 31. Fourteen Austrian officials flew to Moscow today to work out details of payments due to the Russians and begin negotiations for the first postwar trade treaty between the two countries.—United Press.

## Bandung Calmed Red Appetite

Madrid, May 31.

The recent Afro-Asian conference in Bandung served to "calm the appetite of Communist China," the Pakistani Minister of Justice, Mr Hussein Shaid Suhrawardy, declared in a broadcast over the Spanish radio tonight.

The Minister, who is now on a visit here, said the Chinese delegates "were able to realise their attitude and their appetites were running up against complete opposition in every country."

Mr Suhrawardy acknowledged the importance of the policy of Spain in Europe and its influence in the countries of South America, which he said was "parallel to that of Pakistan in the Moslem world."

The Minister said that Spain and Pakistan have many points of contact and "I am convinced that from day to day our relations will become closer."

Mr Suhrawardy pointed out that there are two great parties in Pakistan, the Great Muslim League, which governs the country, and the Popular Party of the opposition, which he himself founded.

"I believe in democracy," he said, "and it cannot exist if there is no opposition."—France-Press.

## Both Blamed Again

Jerusalem, May 31.

United Nations headquarters here today blamed Egypt for opening fire in yesterday's border clash in the Gaza area which resulted in the death of two Israelis, one Egyptian and the wounding of several military personnel and civilians on both sides.

The Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned both Israel and Egypt for incidents on April 28.

Egypt was condemned for laying mines in Israeli territory and for firing on men engaged in clearing the mines.

Israel was condemned for firing on and shelling an Egyptian position.—Reuter.

## HABIB BOURGUIBA LEAVES FOR TUNIS

## Big Welcome Prepared For Leader

Marseilles, May 31.

M. Habib Bourguiba, Tunisian nationalist leader, left here by sea today for a triumphal return after three years of French imposed exile.

He is due to arrive tomorrow in Tunisia soon to reap the benefits of the home rule for which he has fought for years.

The agreements "providing self-rule for the North African protectorate were finally initiated by the French and Tunisian Premiers early on Sunday morning after nine months of laborious negotiations."

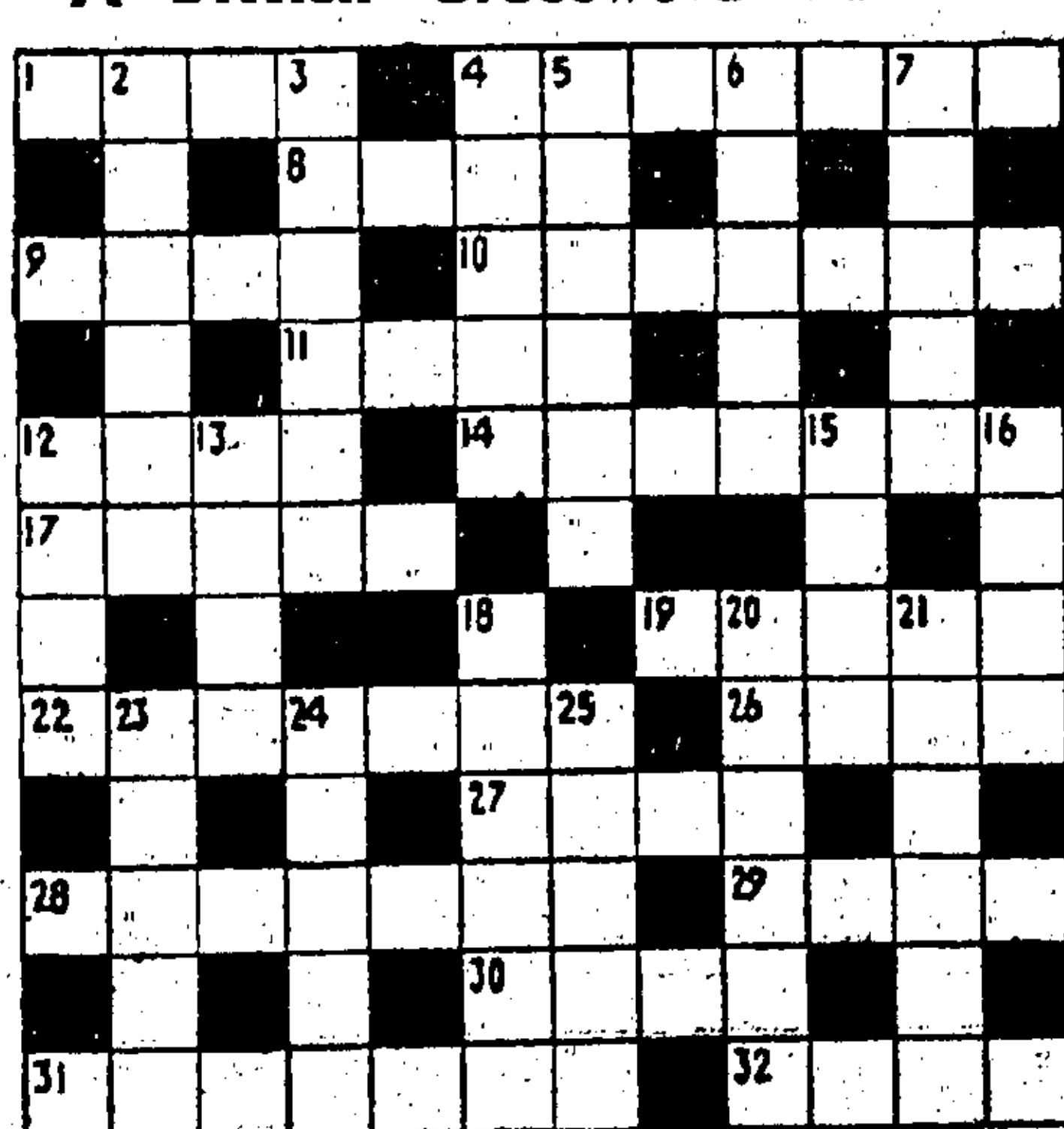
### STREAMING IN

Thousands of Tunisians were streaming into the capital by road and rail to give Bourguiba a tumultuous reception.

Before he left Marseilles M. Bourguiba said he was very happy to return home "after having contributed to establishing our relations with France on normal basis."

"As far as Tunisia is concerned, geographic necessities make it vital to co-operate closely and freely with France," Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Mountains (4).
  - 4 Treachery (7).
  - 8 Unadulterated (4).
  - 9 Betting-place (4).
  - 10 Shunned (7).
  - 11 Formerly (4).
  - 12 Measure of capacity (4).
  - 14 Inns (7).
  - 17 Cut up (5).
  - 19 Antic (5).
  - 22 Quake (7).
  - 27 Unfasten (4).
  - 28 Vie with (7).
  - 29 One (4).
  - 30 Tackle (4).
  - 31 Guided (7).
  - 32 Cast off (4).
- DOWN
- 2 Hang around (6).
  - 3 Ghosts (6).
  - 4 Pamphlet (5).
  - 5 Disclosure (5).
  - 6 Tolerate (5).
  - 7 Fast expense (5).
  - 12 Portion (4).
  - 13 Quote (4).
  - 15 Machine (4).
  - 16 Ancestor (4).
  - 18 Dive (6).
  - 20 Love affairs (6).
  - 21 Fur (5).
  - 23 Perch (5).
  - 24 Rhythm (5).
  - 25 Finished (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Critics, 5 Gaps, 8 Coral, 9 Lesson, 10 Limit, 11 Scale, 12 Mock, 13 Erase, 16 Averse, 18 Remedy, 20 Arena, 22 Less, 23 Slabs, 25 Value, 28 Legate, 29 Bully, 30 Unber, 32 Select. Down: 1 Columbia, 2 Insecure, 3 Ice, 4 Conceive, 5 Gallery, 6 Aliens, 7 Pollu, 14 Serenade, 15 Existence, 16 Amateurs, 17 Edibles, 19 Ensure, 21 Realm, 24 Safe.

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DID IT HAPPEN?

# THE PRIEST AND THE STICK

I WAS in Paris with very little money and I wanted to be in quite another place about a thousand miles to the south-east.

Not only would I have to travel by train, which I loathe, but in the third-class on hard seats. That is supposed to be a good thing. Getting to know the country; people more interesting. Are the poor and parsimonious really more interesting than the rich and profligate? Possibly, also more uncomfortable.

I reached the station in good time, but the train was already crowded. I quickly decided that I should be lucky to get a seat at all, let alone an empty carriage, and finally got into a smoking compartment which contained an old woman in elaborate widow's weeds but with a pink and smiling face; a young man with spots accompanied by a girl with the pasty face and dead hair of the ice-cream addict. This pair so fond of each other that their effort to achieve maximum physical contact enabled me to have a corner seat; finally, a very tiny sailor.

Unlike the English, French occupants of a railway carriage seem to feel that the pests who come in after them have as much right to a place as themselves. I knew there would be none of that ganging up of the actual occupants, ourselves, against late intruders looking for a seat, which one can count on in England.

## Made room

Sure enough, while I was leaning out of the window buying a paper pillow and hiring a blanket and buying sandwiches, apples and wine, from a trolley on the platform, an enormous priest sidled into the carriage behind me, followed by two more who were not exactly emaciated by austerities either. The first asked whether the seats were free, and I was about to say that they belonged to a woman with four children suffering from an infectious skin disease when the old fool of a widow said that they were free and instead of scowling and spreading out their things and making themselves as wide as possible everyone grinned and muttered politely and made room.

## Slammed doors

The youngest priest began putting parcels in the rack on both sides. The small sailor objected: it was his custom to sleep in the rack on night journeys. I thought I detected a strong vein of anti-clericalism in his manner which, at that moment, I shared. However, the priests were very amiable and had just finished pillaging all their parcels dangerously in the other rack when the guard shouted "En voiture!" There was a fusillade of slammed doors, a savage jerk and we were off.

## Whispers...

Very cast down by this triumph of urban culture, I pulled down the blind and turned to the carriage. We had settled down: the young couple were chewing gum and holding each other; the sailor had become a cocoon in the rack; the widow had folded her hands and was smiling at space.

The three priests, huge, burly, black figures, bent towards each other with heads together, and whispered. One held a rosary, one a breviary and

one a walking stick which seemed to me to make a metallic clatter when he knocked it against the door.

As for me I was reading a lady detective novelist who always made me sleep. But the train was slow to start. I kept looking up from that sporadic prose towards the whispered concave. It disturbed me strangely.

I woke when the train stopped: it was dark, my beard was apparently crawling, there was sharp sand between me and my underclothes and I had been beaten all over with a rugel. I lit a cigarette, and by the match flame saw that the three priests had vanished; the others were asleep.

My match went out and the engine gave a long, wailing hoot, an appeal to night for

by Edward Hyams

LONDON-BORN, Edward Hyams has knocked about the world more than most. After schooling he says he got his real education on the Continent where he spent some years. Since, in between writing, working in a distillery, and in a naval service during the war, he has found further time to frequent France and Southern Europe and his Latin taste is now expressed by villanelles which he carries on at his farm in Kent. A razor-sharp satirist, he has also found time to write nine novels and stories and a drama, published last year. He was born in 1910, married at 22.

liberty. I had an impression that we had really been stopped for some time, that the stopping of the train but another earlier hooting had awakened me.

I badly needed air and a stretch, so I got up and went into the corridor, shivering and gasping. I recall being slightly surprised at seeing none of the priests even there. True, the corridor was dimly lit; the extremities of the coach were in shadow.

I rubbed mist off the corridor window, making my hands filthy, and found myself looking down on a butt-end of a street.

The train was on a high embankment in the outskirts of a town. The embankment was the dead-end of the cul-de-sac. One side of it looked like a prison wall, brown-brick, tall, with a frieze of broken glass. The other was the windowless stone wall of a building so high it towered into darkness.

Fixed to the wall was a lamp-bracket and lantern reminiscent of the Revolution. A fish-tail gasburner gave a sad, yellow poster, a cow's head with an air of malicious insanity. A street nameplate said Impasse de la Voie. I was turning away with a shudder when I was stopped by a surprising event.

A very pretty girl in a red cotton frock and plimsoles came racing into the impasse. Her black hair, tied in a handkerchief, was escaping untidily.

She was looking wildly about. (The fact that I could not hear anything may have made her motions seem wilder.) She turned to run out again. A big, active man with a mop of grey hair came running into the impasse.

The light dramatised the jutting nose and chin, the deep lines of his face; it was a tragic mask, lividly pale. When he saw the girl he stopped and grew still and tense.

## Supplication

They talked, their gestures wide and violent, and suddenly the girl fell on her knees on the cobbles, clutching at his thighs in what looked to me like a transport of supplication. Abruptly started by something the man looked up and must have seen the train: I had the curious impression that he was looking straight into my eyes and that I should turn away to spare him embarrassment. I heard—I am still quite certain about this—a sort of muffled bang.

I recall turning my head sharply, and when I looked back I saw the man slowly leaning above the girl, his hands thrown forward in a groping, oddly pathetic movement, then pitch forward and sideways on to the ground.

I saw the girl scramble up, saw her mouth wide and her face distorted to scream. When, as I thought, the scream came, it was so unearthly that I felt a moment of real horror.

It was the engine whistling again, a long, triumphant hoot. With a jerk which nearly threw me down the train began to move.

First I was paralysed, then I lost my head. I suppose I should have stopped the train by pulling the emergency cord. In fact, I dashed along the corridor with a vague idea of finding the priest and fell over the largest priest from my carriage.

## A murder...

He had a huge suitcase on the right at the end of the coach, and was looking for something in it.

I gave him an incoherent account of what I had seen. He looked at me as if I were mad, and while I was still insisting that I had witnessed a murder, the youngest priest came out of

# 600 ISLANDS—AND NOT COUNTING THE SUKOSHI

By RICHARD HUGHES

WHEN is an island not an island? For the answer, turn to Japan's Tourist Bureau, which invites the visitor "to enjoy a trip on the Inland Sea," and declares that there are "more than 600 islands" in that "fairy-book water-way."

This is magnificent Oriental understatement. On any clear day, you can count, haphazardly, more than one hundred alone in the islet-crowded bottleneck of the 250-mile-long sea between Takamatsu and the russet and granite island of Shikoku. Here the sea narrows to about four miles, compared with 40 miles at its widest.

The difference, it seems, is simply one of definition. "We don't count the sukoshi (small ones)," explains a wrinkled, grinning fisherman of Kanonji, the stronghold of Japanese pirates one thousand years ago. If the sukoshi ones are counted—surely, they ought to be—the tally is 3,000 or more. No other stretch of water anywhere in the world has so many islands.

## ALL SORTS

There are islands of all shapes and sorts and sizes—lands with golden beaches, islands with ochre beaches, islands with black beaches, islands with no beaches at all; islands that disappear at high tide, islands that cease to be islands and are seen to be clutched by the skirts of a mother island with a scarlet reef at low tide; islands that make puppet dolls, islands that make noodles, islands that make olive oil; islands that rejoice in rum, like "All-The-Saints-Got-Drunk"; an island that is inhabited only by rabbits; an island that is inhabited only by



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the lavatory still carrying his stick.

The older priest, scowling, said if I had seen anything at all, I had murdered. By my own account the man had been in an emotional crisis; doubtless he had fainted. Well, that might be true; I had taken the bang, the man's fall and the girl's scream and made murder of them.

The priest's explanation was more likely. I rejected it. I still do. Then I thought, I heard the characteristic opening and shutting of doors in the next coach, which means a ticket inspector.

I turned and went towards it, at the other end of my coach. Right at the end, in the shadow, sat the third priest, telling his rosary. I had a moment of inexplicable panic; it seemed to me there was a sort of sinister, knowing complicity about those three clergymen, so plump, so black, so courteous and calm.

## No body

I found the guard. I made a devil of a fuss, and although he clearly thought me both potty and officious and refused to look for other witnesses, he did have the train stopped at the next town to let me off. I went back down the line in a local train.

At the gendarmerie, after trying hard to find something wrong with my passport and civic status, they were first bored, then rude, finally resigned. A plain-clothes man drove me to the Impasse de la Voie.

The friezed wall was that of a lunatic asylum. The tall building, very grim in the dawn, a Barnabite monastery. There was no body, no blood, nothing. Just that barmy cow's head leering at me. There had been no report of a wounding or killing. "It," the detective said, "Monsieur saw anything, it was an old man and his young mistress at a crisis." And he shrugged.

# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

MY last little talk on wild life seen from my window, concerning a fat woman in a purple jumper who always appears on Good Friday morning on the promenade seat opposite the Sea-Nest.

She is my harbinger of spring and known to me as the Great Purple Warbler. A short time ago I described how her little mate fed her on sandwiches of cakes, oranges, and leeks, and how they both flew back to their northern nest at the end of the Easter holidays.

Now they are gone I have been studying the matron habits of younger birds who hop along the front, sit on the seat, squawk, peck each other, nudge each other with their wings, and dip their beaks into paper bags full of shelled nuts.

Some of the females are pretty little creatures in many coloured frocks and foolish little hats, though others wear jeans and bright handkerchiefs round their necks hoping they will be mistaken for art students or girl novelists.

They all hop about painfully in high-heeled shoes and it is sometimes difficult to guess if their squawking are maniac laughter or screams of agony.

The males are also colourful in their bright shirts and scarves, the top feathers on their small heads shining with grease.

Perhaps the most interesting display, for the student of wild life is the male approach to the female and the female approach to the male.

This usually takes the form of pushing each other with their shoulders as they come to rest on the seat, throwing nuts at each other, blowing out paper bags and exploding them in each other's ears, and a vigorous ruffling of too feathers.

When the male is shy, as is usually the case, the female attacks him with vicious blows from her wings, thumping him on the chest and back and sometimes striking him about the head. These attacks have never before witnessed this exhibition of frustration might assume that they were quarrelling, but to the initiated it is only a manifestation of sex play peculiar to the species.

From a distance sex talk also sounds like a quarrel ("Who do you think you are, Fanny Face? Marton, Brandon? You're a nice one to talk about faces. If I had a face like yours I'd drown myself." "Perhaps I will!" "Well, go on. Drown yourself. I should worry." "You're again the initiated will realise that it is no more than a self-conscious display of rudeness, involving personal remarks, which disguises tender emotions and is to be sublimated in a regular union.

When the mating season is over and winter comes and goes the interested observer can then see the once pretty little female still hopping painfully along the front in her high-heeled shoes, but pushing a pram. Her figure has sagged a little. Her once bright feathers are dull. When the little bird in the pram squawks she soothes it with baby talk.

But as the years go, by the female, now bedraggled in flat-heeled shoes, her figure shapeless, and a handkerchief binding her dingy head feathers, is not only pushing a pram but is followed by two or three small birds in rompers and woolen caps.

## Backward Glance

It was while I was clearing my room of old newspapers that I rediscovered those famous characters of the gay '20's, "Eve," sometimes called "Milady" and sometimes "Miss 1923," "Miss 1924," or "Miss 1925," and "Mere Man" occasionally called "Adam."

Indeed, I was so fascinated by these gadabouts of 30 years ago that I went on, reading about them for a whole day, leaving my room in a bigger mess than ever.

According to picture papers yellow with age it was in the summer of 1923 that Eve first painted her toe-nails red, leaving Mere Man stunned and ripe for conquest as she swaggered along the beaches in a two-piece woolen bathing costume smoking a cigarette in a holder 9 in. long.

The mere man who edited this paper was so impressed by the cigarette holder that he published an actual-size close-up of it the next day. It broke through four columns, showing Eve, wrinkling wickedly at the multiplicity and within easy rowing distance of Shikoku there is a bargain desert beach; a bull; a corset; a brook; half a dozen nightgowns; some jeans and olive and a small wooden pier. The price: 3,000,000 yen, or £2,000. Which is cheap at desert islands go these days.

Deer and wild boar roam the forests, and at night the grotesque badgers come down in curious droves to watch the occasional cars and buses pass.

You can buy an island for yourself if you are interested. Within easy rowing distance of Shikoku there is a bargain desert beach; a bull; a corset; a brook; half a dozen nightgowns; some jeans and olive and a small wooden pier. The price: 3,000,000 yen, or £2,000. Which is cheap at desert islands go these days.

She was still smoking like a chimney.

I met them again under the headline "Mere Man Says It With Flowers." The photograph showed Miss 1923, grinning through a large bunch of mixed blooms just presented to her by M.M., though as men have given women flowers for centuries it was hard to see the news value of the gesture unless it was to show that M.M.'s resistance was gradually breaking down under the assault of cloche hats, long cigarette holders, and painted toe-nails.

In 1924 Mere Man hit back with Oxford bags 24 in. round the ankles and a beard. The game of "Beaver" was flourishing and a bearded young man was in court on a charge of assaulting another young man who had howled "Beaver" at him in the street.

But Miss 1924, now called Milady, was still hot in pursuit of Mere Man despite his beard and ridiculous trousers.

She was either curled up invitingly on a sofa, wearing a velvet smoking jacket, or she was at Ascot in a frock waisted round the hips, a long necklace that reached to her stomach, and a hat full of fruit and vegetables; or she was at the seaside again in a bathing costume a little more daring than the year before, and a string of painted curls round her neck. If you see "Why cocks?" I can't say unless she had been on a bender with Mere Man.

In 1925 Milady gave Mere Man the coup de grace with an Etan crop, a cigarette holder a foot long, and glass bangles half-way up her arms. Although there is no record of their wedding, I can only assume that Milady finally gave up on Mere Man, because they both vanished from the newspapers soon afterwards.

By now Milady must be at least 80 and Mere Man round about 65.

Are they happy grandparents in comfortable retirement, talking of their wild, wild youth? Or, because of their early extravagances, are they old-age pensioners, with Mere Man unable to afford cigarettes for Milady's habit, and Milady hobbling to the chiropractor once a month on her painful toes?

## Dialling TUM

HULLO. Is that your stomach?

Your stomach, speaking. We are going on a diet.

Why? Because since the end of rationing you have become bigger and bigger. Can't you take more exercise? Our feet do not like exercise. From today we will follow the calorie diet which has been revived in a newspaper. First we must decide on our activity group and our key figure.

Pardon? There are four activity groups, sedentary, fairly active, very active, and doing heavy work. I think we come under the sedentary group.

That's not my fault. Don't argue. The key figure for the sedentary group is 16. We must then decide on our ideal weight in stone, reduce it to pounds, and multiply that figure by 16. We then get the number of calories we need to maintain our ideal weight. Do you understand?

I'm doing my best. Our ideal weight would be 12st or 168lb. Multiplied by 16 that makes 2,688 calories. But as we are two stone over weight we must reduce our food intake by 448 calories a day. Are you still with me?

I'm very good at sums. This means that as 2oz. of beef, one medium boiled potato, 2.2oz. of duck, and a 2oz. chop each represent 100 calories, we must reduce our diet by at least that much a day.

How much would be left? Very little. But instead of beef, potato, duck, and chops I could send down quantities of cabbage, lettuce, carrots, and watercress.

And nothing else? For instance, if I sent down four bunches of watercress that would be only 100 calories. So would 12oz. of cabbage, or 8 oz. of carrots or two large heads of lettuce, making 400 in all.

If you didn't send those down perhaps I could have 400 calories of beef or duck, or perhaps a steak-and-kidney pudding? You must have fresh vegetables.

How many calories in a double Scotch? I don't know.

I was thinking that if you stopped sending down Scotch we could have a steak-and-kidney pudding every day and still lose weight.

I wouldn't want it every day. You can't send down double Scotch on watercress and lettuce.

Can't I? It wouldn't be fair. You'll take it and like it. I shall never like Scotch and watercress.

Stand by for two large heads of lettuce, four bunches of watercress, and a double Scotch. [World Copyright.]

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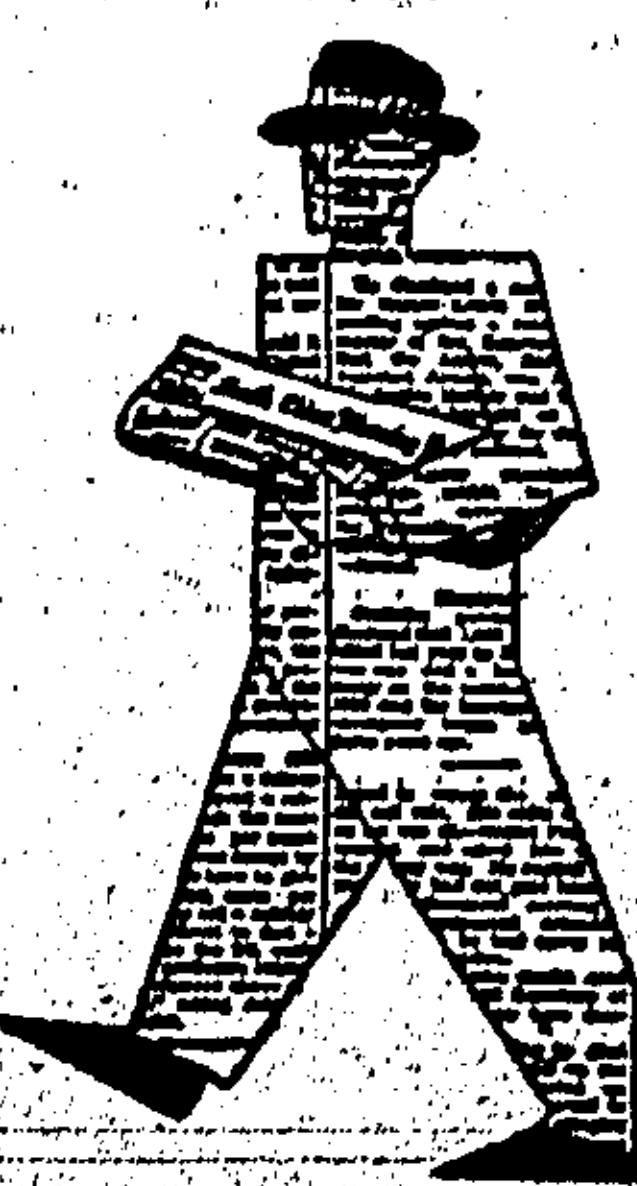
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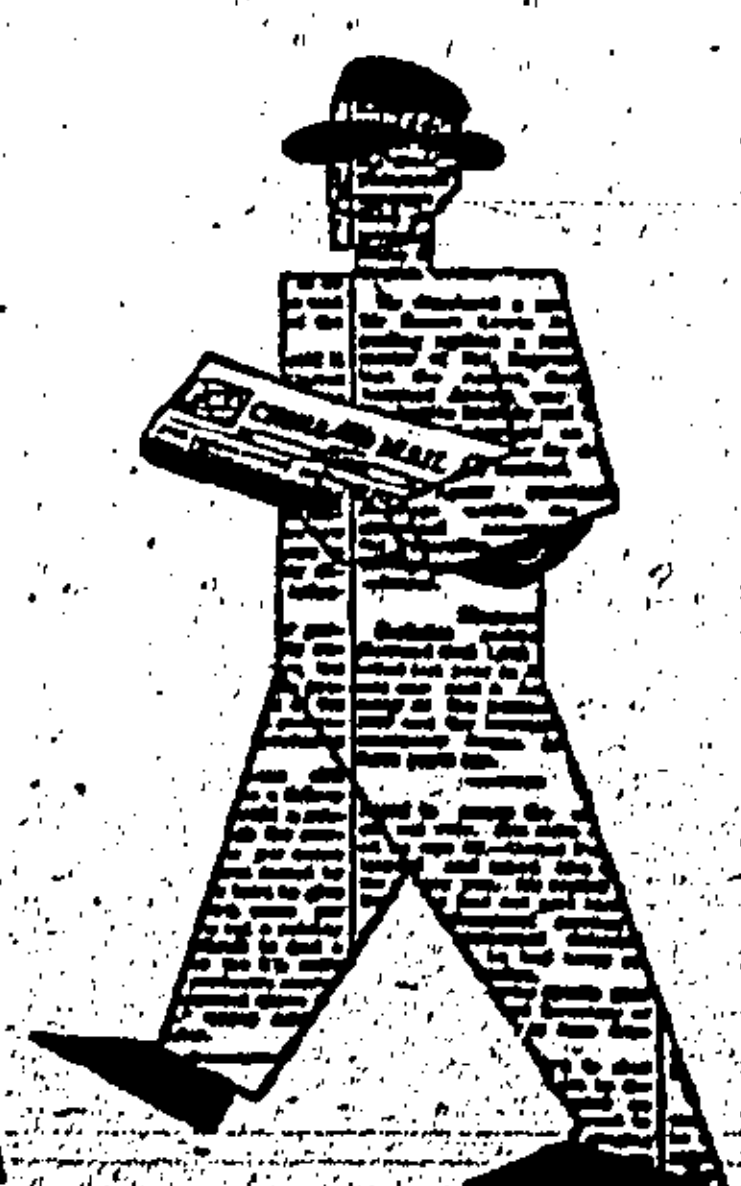
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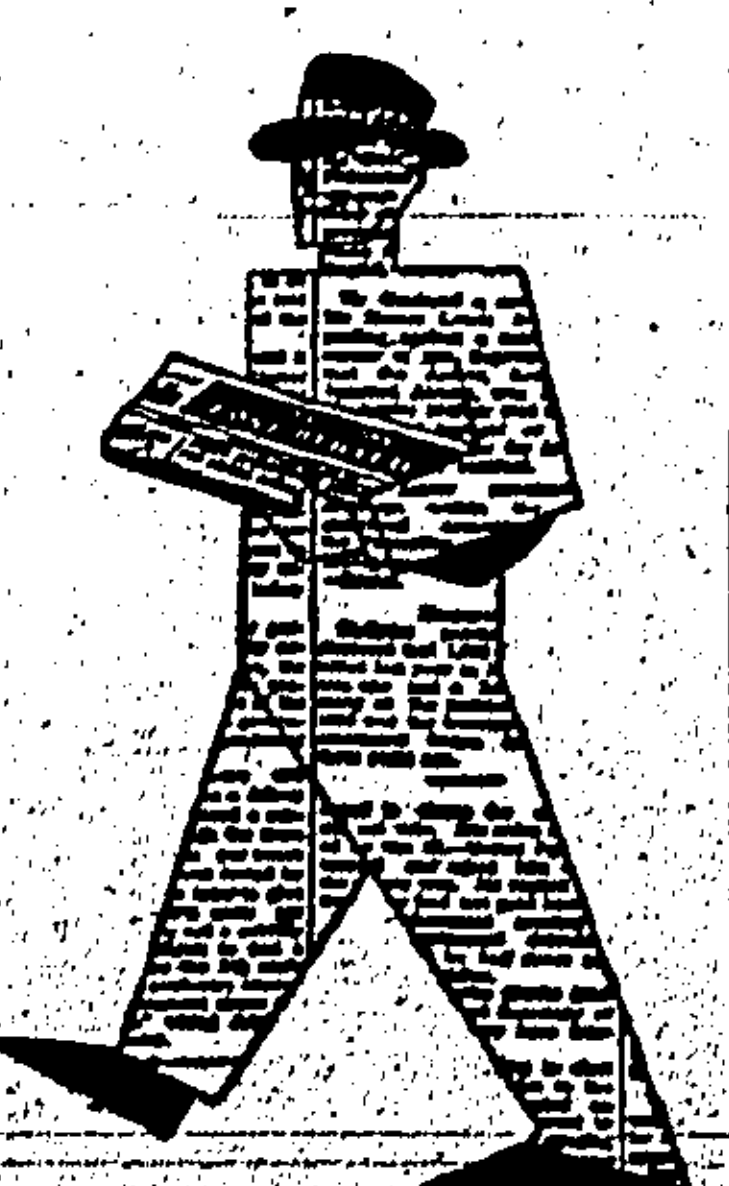
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## THEY SHARED TWO SETS



The Colony's Open Doubles Champions, Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy (left), pictured with the American Thomas Cup players, Dick Mitchell and Carl Loveday, at Craighengower Cricket Club last night. Dr Low and Junior Pomeroy won the first set at 15-8 but lost the next in double quick time at 2-15. — China Mail Photo.

## Singapore's Badminton Fans Were Not Impartial, American Manager Says

A gamble by Carl Loveday, the American Thomas Cup playing team manager to play Dick Mitchell as Number Two singles instead of third—which failed—and an eye injury sustained by Bob Williams one day before the Inter Zone Semi-Final against India at the Singapore Badminton Stadium, Guillemard Road, were among the factors that brought about the downfall of the United States team last week.

India profited by the Americans' miscalculation to win by 6-3 and thus qualified to meet Denmark in the Zone Final which concludes tonight at Singapore.

In this exclusive interview to the China Mail, the American playing team manager told for the first time the behind-the-scenes story of the United States defeat.

"Now that the matches are over, I can tell the badminton world the reasons of our defeat at the hands of India. We literally lost the match even before we took the court against the Indians. It happened like this.

"One day before the India-America semi-final play-off the United States team received a setback when our first doubles player, Bob Williams, injured his eye while playing a card game.

"The sweltering heat in Singapore, which rose to 98 plus in the shade, expanded the glass in Williams' spectacles and it broke. Suddenly we heard Williams shouting 'My eyes, my eyes' and when we examined him we found fragments of glass in his eyes.

"We rushed Williams to the Singapore General Hospital and doctors there removed glass splinters from his eyes. It was a sad blow to the team and our morale was low.

"As team manager, I was particularly worried for we had to play India the next night. Back to the hotel our boys got together discussing whether Bob Williams would be able to play.

"The next morning Williams felt very much better. I took no chances and started immediately to test his vision by placing objects far and near in order to be sure that Williams was fit for play.

"As it turned out, Williams recovered very quickly and he assured me that his vision had returned to normal. We had to get a new pair of spectacles for Williams in town.

"It was not until Williams and Wynn Rogers met Gaihan Hemmady and Manoj Guha, Indian Number Two doubles combination that we sensed there was something wrong with Williams.

"Williams simply could not focus his eyes on the shuttle. He was hitting the bird at the wrong time and as a result, Guha and Hemmady won comfortably at 15-4, 15-8.

"Had it not been for the unfortunate accident to Williams, things might well have gone in our favour as we knew that our doubles pairs were very much better than the Indians'.

"We banked on winning all the four doubles and at least two of the five singles to give us a 6-3 victory, instead it turned out the other way round. Another thing that got our boys was the crowd which in 1952 was impartial. But not this time. The crowd were all for the Indians. We were jeered and booed whenever we committed an error and this naturally threw our boys off their stride.

"We sure wished we had the late Ken Davidson our 1948, 1952 coach who was killed in an air crash last December, was with us. When we played against the Indians last week each and every member of the team imagined that we had our former coach in spirit with us. But it wasn't the same as when Ken Davidson was with the team.

"I mentioned about my placing Dick Mitchell as second singles instead of third. Originally Mitchell was down for third singles for we were pretty certain that he would beat India's Number Three, P.S. Chawla.

"My sudden decision to put Mitchell to play second singles was due to Williams' eye injury. We needed two valuable points from Mitchell as I believed that with experience on his side it would see him through against Nandu Natekar and T.N. Seth.

"Mitchell fell victim to the heat inside the packed 7,500

crowd badminton stadium. The Indians seemed not to be affected at all whereas our players could hardly breathe after a three-set match.

## TO SUM UP

"To sum up, the main reason for our defeat was our failure to live up to our reputation in the doubles. The Indians were much too good in the singles, winning four of the five matches in the doubles they took two games.

"I played very badly the first night with my partner Mame Armanaziz and we lost to India's Munio Guha and Gaihan Hemmady after a hard three-set duel at 11-15, 17-14, 8-15.

"When asked whether the next American Thomas Cup team will be better than this one, Carl Loveday said the next Thomas Cup match will see America fielding a practically new squad.

"We have no rising players of international class just yet. I reckon that what we need in 1958 it will be Canada for Malaysia for the Inter Zone semi-final rounds.

"The Canadians have some very good singles players and I can tell you this that Canada will be a threat to Malaysia in the next Thomas Cup.

Loveday predicts a clear 8-1 victory for the defending team—Malaya—to beat either India or Denmark in the Challenge Round on June 4-5 at Singapore.

Loveday and Mitchell left early this morning for Tokyo for a three-day visit before returning home.

## COWDREY BACK IN CIVIES

London, May 31. The 22-year-old Kent and England cricketer, Mervyn Cowdrey, is being discharged from the Royal Air Force on medical grounds, the Air Ministry said today.

He is at present on compassionate leave and will be officially told of the decision when he returns to his unit at Cardington, Bedfordshire.

Cowdrey began his two-year period of national service on May 6.

He is suffering from foot trouble—a stiffening of the joints of the big toes—for which he has already had lengthy operative treatment.—China Mail Special.

## TENNIS

## KRISHNAN AND KUMAR IN THIRD ROUND

Manchester, May 31. In the second round of the Northern Lawn Tennis tournament here today:

R. Krishnan of India beat R. Faulkner of Britain 6-1, 6-6.

K. Kumar of India beat A. Kal of Britain 6-1, 6-1.

France Press.

## LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

## AMERICAN THOMAS CUP PLAYERS IMPRESSED WITH LOCAL JUNIOR TALENT

By "TOUCHWOOD"

The Colony's reigning Champion, Ramon Young, surprised even himself when he took a set off Dick Mitchell, the American Thomas Cup Number Two player, in the exhibition matches at the Craighengower Cricket Club last night. Young won the first set at 13-14 but lost the next to Mitchell at 13-15.

Without knowing it, both Mitchell and Loveday were the first two American badminton players to figure in exhibition matches in the Colony.

It was not Ramon Young who impressed the Americans last night, but S. K. Wong, the Colony Junior Champion, and Wong Wai-hung, this year's Junior Singles runner-up, who caught the eye of the visitors.

Mitchell, who played a two-set game against S. K. Wong, winning at 15-6, 15-8, said the Colony Junior Champion looks promising enough to develop into a first class international player.

"Wong has the right approach to the game and the thing for him to polish up is his stamina. In his match with me, this youngster really kept me guessing at times as to where he would place his next shot.

Carl Loveday spoke highly of Wong Wai-hung's fighting spirit. "It surprised me that he could run his legs off without let-up. Although he lacks experience, this lad of yours, if taken in hand, will be a potential Thomas Cupper in a few years' time," said Loveday.

Through the exhibition matches were of a high standard, the American Thomas Cup players were only playing at half pace. The Inter-Zone semi-final round against the Indians at Singapore last week took too much out of them and this probably was the reason that they did not go all out in the four matches last night.

To many a spectator at the Craighengower Cricket Club, Dick Mitchell and Carl Loveday displayed such an array of strokes that they won rounds of applause.

Perhaps the most stylish and deceptive of the two Americans was single-stroke Carl Loveday. His style of play is a junior edition of the late Ken Davidson who was killed in an air crash last December after playing exhibition matches in Singapore.

Loveday, who combines badminton with elements in between strokes, was the favourite with the crowd last night. On several occasions when the linesman signalled an outcourt shot, Loveday was heard to ask "Are you sure?" with a broad grin on his face.

The difference between the Colony top notchers and the Americans was that our guest players were more aggressive in their singles and doubles games. They moved much faster and their anticipation was superb.

Coming back to the exhibition matches, the Colony's top notchers acquitted themselves admirably against the two players from America of international fame.

With Ramon Young setting the pace by extending Dick Mitchell to two hard-fought sets, Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy also took a set off Carl Loveday and Dick Mitchell in the only doubles game of the night.

## BEST MATCH

Probably the best match of the night was the Mitchell-Young encounter. The crowd who had expected a walkover victory for the American Number Two singles player, set up in their chairs when the Colony Champion raced to a 5-1 early lead as Mitchell sent out a succession of outcourt shots.

Mitchell came into his own at 2-8 to level the score at 6-6 but then a hit out by Mitchell and a smash into the net took Young's score to 8-6.

It was 10-5, 10-7 and 12-3 for Ramon Young who seemed to play better with each succeeding rally. At this stage, the Americans brought in his devastating smashes to reel off three points in a row and then a net shot by Young saw Mitchell levelling the score at 12-12.

Mitchell was the first to reach 13 with a forehand drive that caught Ramon Young standing. Back came Young with a strong smash to regain service and, using a drop shot which Mitchell

netted, tied the score for a five-points deuce.

Mitchell lost his accuracy at this crucial stage to lose set at 14-18.

Mitchell was his old self again at the start of the second and last set. Varying his lob shots with net skimming drop shots, he had Ramon Young on the run for a 4-0 lead.

Three errors by the American at net play took the score to 3-4 against Young. The shots that really beat Mitchell came in Young's cross court netting which time and again left the American standing.

From 6-3, Mitchell scored point after point to reach 13-9 mainly through his overhead cross court smashes. There was still plenty of fight in Ramon Young and it is to his credit that he could have forced a deuce at 13-14 if a net play shot had gone over. Mitchell took the last two points by placing the shuttle out of Young's reach.

## THRILLER ALL THE WAY

The doubles match of the night was a thriller from the start. Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy, playing in a whirlwind manner, were ahead at 5-1, 9-4 and 13-6 to confound the visitors. Then Mitchell and Loveday, who had been playing nonchalantly, suddenly came to life by matching smash for smash and volley for volley.

The speed of Keat-soo in counter strokes and the sound defence put up by Junior Pomeroy gave them the edge over the American Thomas Cup players. The first set went to Dr Low and Pomeroy at 15-8.

Mitchell and Loveday got down to a real scoring spree in the next set, outsmashing the Hongkong pair to take leads of 6-0, 8-2 and 10-2. Nothing Young or Pomeroy did was

right in this set. They fell easy victims to Mitchell's deep smash and Loveday's deceptive drop shots from full back.

The game was over in just about eight minutes with victory in the second set going to Mitchell and Loveday at 15-2. Very few people at the Craighengower Cricket Club last night knew that Dick Mitchell played the doubles match with half a leg. In the opening set against Dr Low Keat-soo and Junior Pomeroy, Mitchell sprained his ankle when he attempted to retrieve a net drop by Pomeroy. The score at that stage was 9-4.

## MITCHELL SMASHES



America's Number Two Singles player, Dick Mitchell, displays his strong smash in this match against Ramon Young in the Hongkong Badminton Association Exhibition matches at the Craighengower Cricket Club last night. Mitchell lost the first set at 14-18, won the next at 15-13. — China Mail Photo.

## THOMAS CUP

## India And Denmark On Level Terms In Opening Day Of Inter-Zone Final

Singapore, May 31.

India and Denmark were level 2-all on the opening day of a two-day tie in the Thomas Cup Inter-Zone Final played here tonight. Five more matches will be played tomorrow and the winner of this final will meet Malaya for the trophy in the Challenge Round on June 4 and 5.

Tonight's results India first:

Nandu Natekar beat Jorm Skaarup 15-8 15-13; T. N. Seth lost to Finn Kobbero 14-18, 11-16; Nandu Natekar and Donge beat Ove Elertsen and Ole Merz 15-3, 13-15; G. Hammedy and Manoj Guha lost to Finn Kobbero and J. Hammergaard Hansen 12-15, 5-15.

Thrilling elegant badminton that frequently forced the crowd to gasp and shout with excitement was seen in tonight's play.

With the advantage of youth and stamina, apart from skill, Natekar of India and Kobbero of Denmark beat their opponents, the veterans, Skaarup and Seth.

Mr Roy Brady of Australia, the official referee, welcomed the Australian Davis Cup team who had come to watch the game. The Australian Davis Cuppers are on their way to England.

With Skaarup often hitting out and Natekar placing delicately and tapping fast, Natekar overwhelmed Skaarup to quickly lead 10-1.

Skaarup was slow on the uptake before picking up to reach 8-11.

A hit out by Skaarup and a Natekar net drop brought the score, to 13-8 in Natekar's favour.

Skaarup netted and with a couple of neat drops Natekar took the set 15-8.

Skaarup found his feet in the following set and led 4-0.

At 5-3 there was a thrilling rally which Skaarup lost by hitting out.

Playing calmly with brilliant shots Natekar forged ahead 14-8 before taking the set 15-13 after Skaarup had again rallied for a spell.

Kobbero was hitting out a number of times in the first set and Seth led 5-1. Equally erratic play on Seth's part enabled Kobbero to level 5-all.

They levelled again 9-all. Both sides were misjudging the court boundaries but Seth took the score to 13-11.

Kobbero levelled again at 13-all and a deuce of five, was called.

Kobbero executed some lovely drops and took the set 16-14.

With evenly deceptive drops Kobbero led in the next set 5-3.

A ding-dong battle followed and the score was levelled 6-all.

With a series of fine placements which left Seth helpless, Kobbero led 13-7 to clinch the match 16-11.—Rearer.

## LOVEDAY RETURNS



Carl Loveday making a return baseline-lob in his match against the Colony Junior Singles runner-up, Wong Wai-hung. Loveday won 15-6, 15-8. — China Mail Photo.

## Don Cockell To Meet Bobo Olson In August

San Francisco, May 31.

World Middleweight Champion Carl (Bobo) Olson will tangle with Don Cockell, recent losing challenger for the World Heavyweight crown, in London in August, if present plans go through, manager Sid Flaherty said today.

"I have a man in England now conferring with promoters on the project," said Flaherty. "If we get the right kind of an offer, I expect Bobo will battle Cockell."

Flaherty said that no matter what happens during the Olson-Archie Moore battle on June 22 for the World Light-Heavyweight crown, the trip to Europe will be made.

"I am planning on taking seven or eight fighters over there and Olson will represent the light-heavyweight class," said Flaherty.

"I've sent Jack Beynon, former local promoter, ahead here to discuss financial arrangements with promoters. If he comes up with the right amount of money, we hope to match Olson with Cockell."

Cockell, the British Empire Heavyweight Champion who weighs around the 210 mark, recently was knocked out in the ninth round by Rocky Marciano in a try for the world title.

Flaherty did not say how much he hoped to get for the match, but on the basis of demands in other bouts, it would be a whopping fee.

Asked if Jack Solomon's was going to promote the show, he said: "I don't know. There are several promoters interested in the show."—United Press.

## NEW TERRITORIES

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&  
SHEUNG SHUI  
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THE  
CHINA MAIL  
is now obtainable  
from the  
SHEUNG SHUI  
STATION STALL  
SHEUNG SHUI  
RAILWAY STATION.

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**Colds**  
Even the slightest cold  
is to be feared  
Do not let it spread!  
Defeat it from the start  
by taking 2 CASPINS

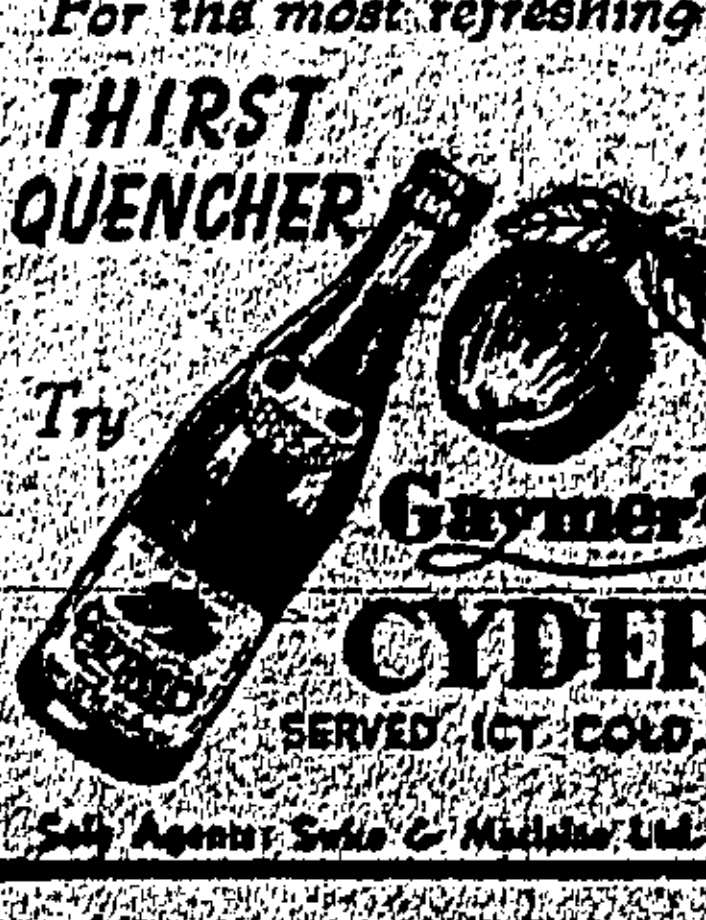
**CASPINS**

**TENNIS**  
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## THE GAMBOLS



## For this most refreshing







With head down and fists working like pistons Cpl. Dinning of REME punches his way right into the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week. His initial performance in a Hongkong ring when he met Cpl. Ross of the Royal Air Force at the Club Stadium on Saturday stamped him as a boxer of unusual promise and outstanding ability.

Cpl. Dinning comes to Hongkong with an impressive record in Civilian and Service boxing circles, having represented his country, and having been selected as a member of Army representative teams.

Provided the right kind of opponents can be found for him—and after his showing on Saturday this isn't going to be easy—he seems certain to provide many thrilling moments for boxing enthusiasts in the Colony.

One of the immediate reactions of many of the spectators who saw the Ross-Dinning tussle, was to express regret that circumstances have precluded a match between Muller and Dinning. Such a contest—which is now purely hypothetical as far as we are concerned—would certainly have drawn the crowds and if both men had struck normal form it would have been a cracking affair.

Both are in the same weight group, and both come from Scotland so it is quite on the cards that other fans from Hongkong will eventually enjoy just such a contest.

All that is in the distant future; and for the present and the more immediate future, we look forward to seeing Dinning performing in the ring in a long time.

#### WELL REPRESENTED

Army soccer players, referees and officials were well represented at the annual dinner for players and press given on Monday by the HKFA.

With the Water Polo season now getting into full swing, have been asked if I can give details of the Army's games in the HKFA Junior League in order that those who wish to attend may have early information. This I am happy to do, and here are all the Army fixtures for the first half of the season:

Tues. 7 Jun. Army South v. European YMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.

Fri. 10 Jun. Army South v. RAE at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.

Army North v. Eastern at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.

Tues. 14 Jun. Army South v. EYMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.

Army North v. South China at Victoria Bks. at 5.45 p.m.

Fri. 17 Jun. Army North v. RAE at Sek Kong at 5 p.m.

Army South v. Royal Navy at Victoria Bks. at 5 p.m.

Tues. 21 Jun. Army North v. EYMCA at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.

Fri. 24 Jun. Army North v. Army South at Sek Kong at 5 p.m.

Tues. 28 Jun. Army North v. Royal Navy at Tamar at 5 p.m.

Army South v. South China at Victoria Bks. at 5.15 p.m.

Well there is enough in that list to provide many hours of good aquatic entertainment and it seems certain that Friday, June 24 will be jotted down in many diaries as a "must".

Army water polo, although because of distance—there will probably be a strong North favour about the spectators who turn up at Sek Kong to see the first meeting of the two Army sides.

The Army is supplying three of the six officials who will handle the matches in this league. Major A.C.A. Walker, Sgt. Tye, APTC, and Sgt. Anderson, RAE, are the Army whistlers who will be officiating during the season. The other officials are Messrs. C. K. Woo and K.F. Chan, and C.O. P.T.O. J. Shepherd of the Royal Navy.

Opinions are conflicting at the moment about the relative strength of the Army sides but there are still many good players in the Colony and there is every reason to feel that both North and South will be adequately represented.

#### RUGBY AFFAIRS

Rugby circles in Hongkong are buzzing with speculation and rumours concerning important changes in Army Rugby affairs next season.

According to the stories going the rounds the officials of the Army Rugby Association will follow the lead of their cricketing brothers, and in future field two senior sides instead of one, probably on the same geographical basis of North and South.

It is also understood that the Hongkong Rugby Union wishes to abandon the old idea of staging a series of friendly matches to start off the season and hopes instead to get Army formations and large units to enter teams in a new competition which will embrace one or more sides from the teams that have previously competed in the Colony Pentagonal Tournament.

If such plans come to fruition they could well mark a new era in Hongkong rugby. The spirit of competition and rivalry would be well and truly stimulated and both the early season tournament and the new "Pentagonal" would benefit greatly from the idea.

While it is believed that the Army officials have shown more than a passing interest in the scheme, it is unlikely that any definite decisions will be made until the whole scheme has been widely discussed which will probably be at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Land Forces Sports Board.

Running teams are big competitors, of course, but an expensive business, but with two sides in the tournament there would be 100 per cent increase in the opportunities for players to engage in top class football, and that factor may well be one that will influence the final decision whether or not to support the new scheme.

There has recently been an increased interest in sea fishing among the troops in the Colony and fishing trips are becoming more and more popular. Messes and clubs are particularly active in this respect and some very good catches have been reported.

Sea fishing around Hongkong can be a most pleasant and interesting pursuit and provided guidance is received from experienced fishermen as to good areas there is plenty of excitement and satisfying fishing to be had.

OLD ARGUMENT

The old argument of the effect of National Service on young sportsmen's careers has cropped up again in the United Kingdom and as usual there is a strong division of opinion as to what harm or good it does.

This time it has been stimulated by the fact that two top class stars, England cricketer Cowdrey and England footballer Edwards, are on their way in to the Services.

This column is no place to discuss other than the purely sporting aspects of the situation and it is interesting to report that one top class soccer manager has again gone on record with the statement that as far as many young footballers are concerned, National Service does them nothing but good.

This gentleman makes one interesting point that is worthy of mention. He says that service football gives youngsters a chance to find their true positions. They take part in many games, and as their reputations well known, they are often asked to play out of their recognised position in order to overcome some weakness in their side.

This frequently leads to a new appreciation of the game and sometimes to unexpected progress. The manager takes Freddie Martin, the Scotland and Aberdeen goalkeeper, as an example. Martin, he points out, went into the Army as a very ordinary half-back-cum-forward and came out as Scotland's first line of defence, and he quotes also the progress of many others like Meadows, Hopkins and Forthingham.

We saw something of this in the Army team here in the 1953-54 season when in an emergency Casey moved from inside forward to full back and changed from an ordinary to a brilliant player, and again when Longland, who was having a poor season at inside left in the Reserves, moved to wing-half in the senior side and obtained top Colony honours.

It is also interesting to remember that Casey and Longland, signed for Chelsea and Brighton respectively in their new positions.

Soccer is, maybe, fortunate in this respect for it is to be believed the current arguments it would seem that tennis, cricket and boxing prospects suffer badly from the time the young men spend in the services.

#### HOP ON, LADIES!

## CYCLE RACING SLIMS THE ANKLES, TRIMS THE WAIST, GIVES SHAPE TO THE LEGS

Says "NTACA"

"During my stay in Hongkong I have been very much impressed by the high standard of athletic achievement of its female population. I have watched them swimming, running, playing basketball, softball, hockey and tennis, and have admired their obvious fitness and keen interest in their chosen pastimes.

On the roads of the Colony, I have often seen numbers of these agile young ladies trundling their heavy, ill-fitting and poorly-maintained bicycles on their daring trips into the hinterland of the New Territories. I have even seen them taking part in cycle-races on the track at Caroline Hill. But never have I seen one try her hand, (or legs) at the greatest of all games, Road Cycle Racing.

That she has the innate ability to do well in this sport is only too apparent. Perhaps she has never been told about it, and how, in Britain at least, it is rapidly becoming one of the chief outlets for the athletic urges of the fairer sex.

There is no doubt that the type of Road Racing which appeals mostly to the ladies is the Time Trial in which the riders set off at intervals and ride alone for the entire distance of the race, the winner being she whose actual time for the event is the best.

Time Trials in Britain are held at distances of from ten miles to twelve hours, although very few riders ever tackle the longer distances. In this Colony, I would suggest the 50 miles be the greatest distance undertaken, but even so, with the intermediate events at ten, fifteen, twenty-five and thirty miles, there is no lack of variety.

#### REGULAR RACING

There will be of course, be objections, "Cycle racing will make my legs heavy and muscular," is a common one. It is absolute rubbish. If anything, a programme of regular racing will do more to slim the ankles, give shape to the legs, trim the waist and generally improve the physique than almost any other single pastime. "It will strain my heart," is another popular fallacy. Any exercise which is indulged in too strenuously without proper preparatory training will cause strain, Cycle Racing no more than the others.

Then we have the maiden who says "I feel that cycle racing is un-feminine." Let me describe to you a little lady who has raced at distances up to one thousand miles. She is Eileen Sheridan, a mother who is a professional cyclist. She stands only just under five feet high, weighs seven stone and ten pounds, has a neat trim figure, and has a glow which is indicative of perfect physical health. Anyone less like a person capable of racing almost continuously for nearly three days would be hard to imagine.

Another objection? Where will you get the opportunity to race? I can tell you, that, too. Every Sunday, for the next two months, there is a Novice Race which starts at 10.30 a.m. in the New Territories. And every Wednesday, at 4 p.m., there is another. From August to the following March, there will be races every Sunday. You are invited to turn up at any one of these events, and to take part in a private Time Trial. Every assistance and encouragement will be given you by the organisers of the events, who will be only too pleased to help.

TRAINING METHODS

If you want advice on your bicycle, fittings, position or training methods, you can ask if two or three of you would like to organise a race of your own, you can get all the assistance you want from the male organisations, who are prepared to run the events, for you, if necessary.

A last point. The Union Cycliste Internationale, the World governing body, has agreed to recognise Women's Records at the same distances as for men. Is there any reason why a Hongkong lady cyclist should not have her name inscribed on the list?

The twin Novice Competitions are certainly producing some strange results. Following on the dual wins of Jones come the two consecutive victories of the bulky Hoad, of the Pegasus CC. On Wednesday he won the NTACA 15 miles Australian Pursuit Race with an actual time of 46-40, beating the next man by nearly two minutes.

In a similar event held by the RAE on Sunday, his actual time to 46-25, but this time he was pushed right to the line by "Grapplinghook" Dealey, the Chatham Wheelers representative. Hoad managed to keep his nose in front to win by half a length.

Sharing the lead in the NTACA competition with Clegg, (7 points each), and leading in the RAE contest with 3 points, Hoad has the misfortune to catch a plane on some day this week, to go to Singapore for six weeks, this upsetting his prospects in the two competitions.

Practically all the riders in these contests have already noted improvements in their performances, an improvement which will be reflected in a yet higher standard of racing when the season proper gets under way in August.

ANNUAL DINNER

Full details of the first Annual Dinner of the HKCA have been reported in the local Press, but a few words here should not be out of place. Although the attendance was cut owing to duties, over thirty members managed to turn up to the really excellent meal.

Speeches were both good and good together, a good time was had by all. The display of permanent trophies was most impressive, even though some clubs had forgotten to bring along those they had won for the year.

Highlight of the evening was of course the presentation of the "South China Morning Post" Best All Rounder Time Trial Cup to Ron Beck. Ron appears to have put on a little weight since the end of the season, but assures me he will soon recommence training for the three-day stage race at Singapore, due the end of July.

The other Best All Rounder Trophy, the "Lord" Massed Start Shield, could not be presented to the winner, as Ray Hurford is now enjoying the comforts of "Civvy Street" way back in England.

Another of our riders, Jones of the 7 Hussars, has been honoured by an appearance in the "Radio-Union Sports" programme. We shall soon have to have a BAR Competition based on the number of interviews given and "writes-up" in the Press. I wonder who would be favourite for that. I have heard the rumour that a number of our top-line riders are taking elocution lessons, so perhaps the idea will catch on.

THE SCOREBOARD

1st Innings, 234 South Africans, 1st Innings

D. J. McGlew b. Watkins 53

T. Goddard, lbw b. McConnon 26

J. Walke, c. Watkins b. McConnon 4

R. Endean, lbw b. Watkins 0

H. Keith, st. Davies b. McConnon 0

Presdee, Cheetham, not out 11

Mansell, c. Woolley b. McConnon 0

Fuller, c. McConnon b. Presdee 1

Tayfield, c. Hedges b. McConnon 3

Adcock, b. McConnon 1

Extras 9

Total (all out) 156

Wickets fell at 1/84; 2/84; 3/84; 4/104; 5/139; 6/143; 7/146; 8/147; 9/150.

Bowling

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Shepherd 12 4 34 0

Woolley 11 4 20 0

McConnon 24 5 8 49

Presdee 13 5 27 2

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By Order of the Board,  
**E. W. WILMOTT,**  
 Secretary,  
 Hong Kong, 16th May, 1955.

# Danger Of New Alliance Seen In Neutrality Proposals

By TOM WHITNEY  
 Associated Press Staff Writer

It's frequently suggested that the chief aim of the Kremlin in Europe is to create a "neutrality belt" along the Soviet Bloc's western borders from the Arctic to the Adriatic.

This is an interesting suggestion and there are three developments which give this hypothesis its basis:

1. The Austrian "treaty" has just been completed and provides for the "neutralisation" of Austria.
2. Suggestions are being made by the Russians to the West Germans that if they will consent to "neutralisation" the Soviet Government will permit peaceful reunification of Germany.
3. The Kremlin sent its top men to Belgrade to talk to Yugoslav President Tito.

There are already four "neutralised" nations in between the hostile sides in the cold war: Finland, Sweden, Switzerland and Austria.

These four countries make up "neutral Europe" as it exists right now. Every other important country in Europe except only Elbe is either firmly tied up by this time to the Soviet Union or else in one degree or another a member of the anti-Soviet camp.

However, in this picture the positions of Yugoslavia and West Germany have distinct peculiarities.

As the accompanying map shows, if Germany and Yugoslavia became neutral a cushion of neutral states would form running all the way from little Albania on up.

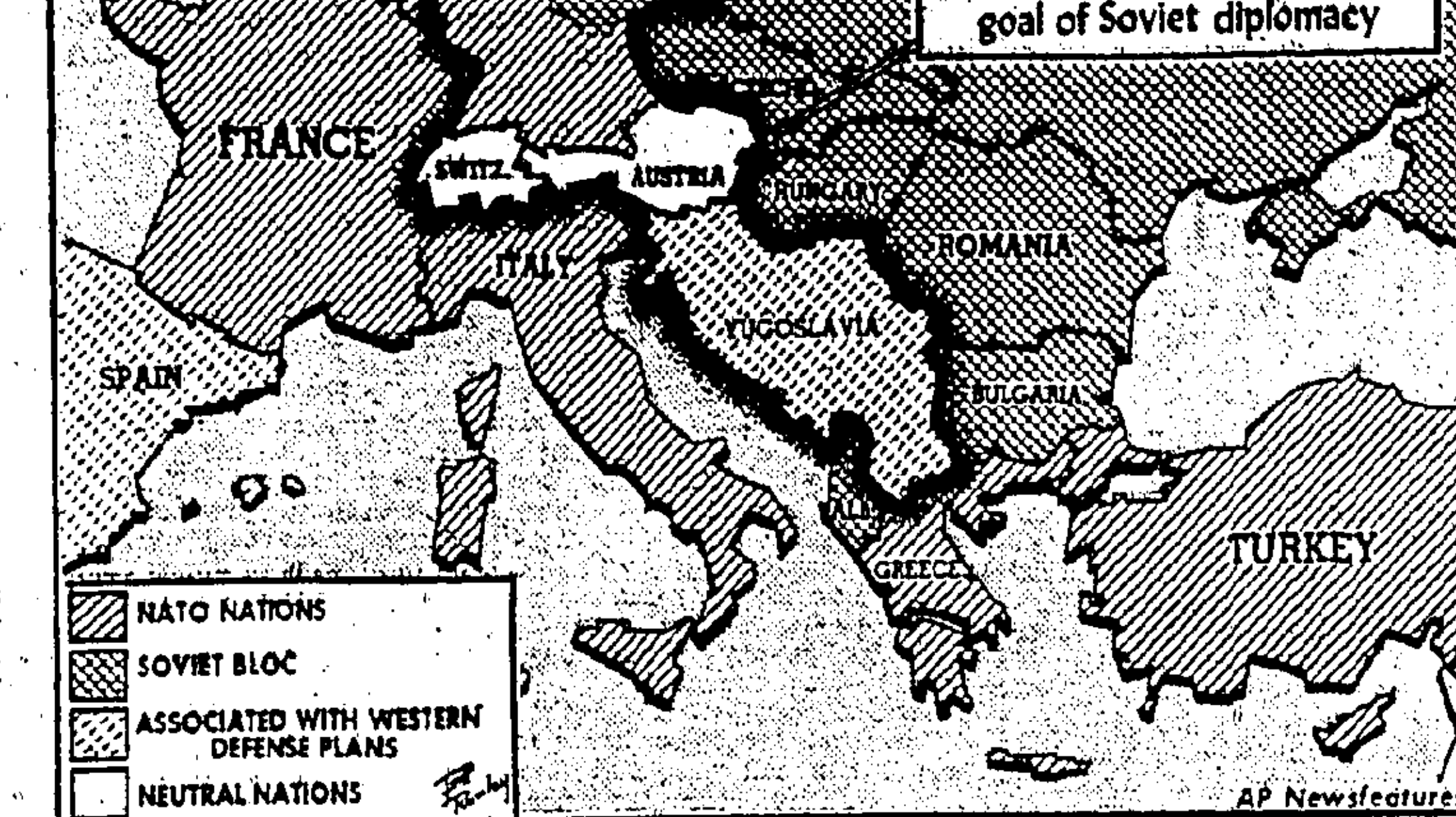
If there were such a neutral belt then it would presumably be impossible for anyone to attack the Soviet Union or other Communist countries anywhere without violating someone's neutrality. Such a neutral belt then appears to give the Soviet Union security against attack or invasion in the west.

This, say some, is just what the Kremlin wants.

## Another Look

Let's take another look, however, at the situation of Yugoslavia and Germany.

It would indeed be surprising if the sole aim of the Soviet government in the long term was "neutralisation" of Yugoslavia. While recently improving his relations with the West and finally concluding an alliance with Greece and Turkey, Tito has never condemned communism as such. Just as the Soviet Government, when it expelled him from the Cominform, professed the view that it was not Yugoslavia which was the enemy but only Tito and his henchmen, so Tito took the point of view that it was not he who was deviating from true Leninism and Communism but the leader-



## Hoping For

This is something which the Russians are certainly hoping for. To interpret their visit to Yugoslavia solely in terms of "neutralisation" is clearly and obviously a distortion.

Similarly, it is necessary to examine critically Soviet policy towards Germany. The treaty with Austria and the developing big power top-level meeting has put the German question once more in the limelight.

The line the Russians are taking is the open suggestion to the West Germans that if they only will back out of NATO and consent to an arrangement whereby all foreign troops must leave Germany then the Soviet Union will facilitate the peaceful reunification of Germany by permitting genuine free elections in East Germany.

Superficially it would seem "neutralisation" of Germany offers sufficient attraction to the Soviet Union to be the genuine Soviet aim in Germany.

It is when one looks beyond reunification and neutralisation that one gets more of a glimpse of what the Soviet Government is really aiming at, however. And this is something which has little in common with "neutralisation."

Let's suppose that by agreement there has been established a reunified and neutralised Germany. US troops have mostly returned to the United States, since there is no other place for them. British troops have returned to Britain. Communist troops stand on the German borders. Germany has no ties with the West and none with the Soviet Bloc. Yet Germany's problems are not solved. After reunification of the present East

and West Germany there is the question of the return of the German territories now held by Poland and the Soviet Union. There is the question of markets for German goods. And there are other questions of German aspirations.

And that is most likely to be the real aim of the Soviet Union in seeking "neutralisation" of Germany.

## Well Knows

The Soviet Government well knows that to speak of neutralisation of a big, vigorous, powerful country like Germany over a long period is nonsense.

The Soviet Government also has always aimed at achieving an alliance with Germany because it knows that such an alliance can overwhelm all Europe.

Come a "neutralised" Reich and the Soviet government knows that it will be able to offer that Reich a big price in return for alliance with the Soviet Union—the former German territories in Poland and the Soviet Union.

# HUGE URANIUM OUTPUT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, May 30.

New production plants now getting underway in South Africa may well make this country one of the biggest sources of uranium in the world within the next few years.

Uranium worth anything up to \$100,000,000 sterling is likely to be recovered from 26 or more mines every year when South Africa's full production programme gets under way.

All of it for the next ten years or so goes under contract to Britain or the United States, which provided loan capital for most of the new uranium recovery plants.

Early estimates of South Africa's probable uranium output under the present programme ranged between gross values of \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year. Recent recoveries, however, disclosed by rising profits, have been so promising that leading authorities think that the country's uranium deposits may bring a gross return of up to \$100,000,000 sterling in the next ten years.

**REVISED FIGURES**  
 Revised figures have now led to the belief that South Africa probably owns the largest accessible uranium oxide deposits in the world, many of which it was quickly realised could be mined jointly with the nation's already fabulously lucrative \$150,000,000-a-year gold production.

Joint mining for gold and uranium in the same ore has brought new life to South Africa's mining operations, because the extraction of both precious materials from the same underground reef often provides enough incentive to extend the life of mines or make one economic which would not be payable on one product alone.

Few concentrations of uranium in South Africa have so far been found in proportion high enough to justify mining for them exclusively. Production quantities are a state secret but it can be roughly calculated that uranium-oxide extractions in South Africa are measured only in ounces per ton of mined ore compared with pounds per ton in Canada.

Gold recovered from the same ore in South Africa in easily accessible areas with ready mining equipment and experienced labour laid on, marks up the difference.

South African mining interests have also had another stroke of luck: the association with gold and uranium of quantities of pyrite in the same reefs. These are the raw materials for the production of sulphuric acid required in the uranium extraction process.

**REFLECTION**  
 Increasing uranium production in South Africa is reflected in recent authoritative figures which showed that export values averaged well over \$1,000,000 a month last year, or three times more than in 1953, the first year that uranium profits were published here.

More convincing proof of the uranium age in South Africa is the growth of uranium extractions in the same areas as new excavations to the great gold mining developments in the famous old century-old Witwatersrand reef area around Johannesburg and the new post-war Eldorado of the country, the Orange Free State mines centred on the "boom town" of Welkom.

More than half of the 24 South African mines so far planned in the uranium programme were yielding uranium by the first quarter of this year, using huge new processing plants costing anything from \$1,500,000 to nearly \$4,000,000 each to erect.

Scientists of the South African Government's Atomic Energy Board, controlling authority for the uranium programme, originally assayed more than half a million samples of gold-bearing ore for radioactivity. Uranium was found in small but significant quantities in nearly all gold-bearing reefs and was quickly recognised as a valuable by-product.

**FIRST OPENED**  
 South Africa's former Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan, opened the country's first uranium plant in October, 1952, nearly 30 years after the earliest identification of radioactive minerals in the Witwatersrand gold-bearing reefs.

South Africa's uranium resources have become known properly only since World War II, which excited intensive research in nuclear physics. Before that, the chief known deposits of uranium were in Czechoslovakia, Canada and the Belgian Congo. British and American atomic authorities first approached the South African Government concerning the possibility of extracting uranium from gold ore in 1945, following secret information offered by an American geologist, Professor G. W. Bain of Amherst College, Massachusetts, who had visited South Africa in 1941 studying ore samples. Later, he and Dr. C. F. Davidson, chief geologist of the Atomic Energy Division of Britain's Geological Survey, completed a joint British-American survey which confirmed payable uranium in the gold ore.

The techniques for uranium recovery in South Africa were perfected through co-operative research between South Africa, Britain and the United States. Finally, in November 1950, the British and American Governments signed agreements with the South African Atomic Energy Board for large-scale uranium production.

In the joint gold-uranium mines, the gold is first extracted from the finely crumbed ore brought up from reefs running thousands of feet below ground in the Transvaal and Orange Free State.

Residues from the gold-extraction process then pass to a uranium plant, where they are mixed with dilute sulphuric acid and filtered. Solutions obtained from this filtration are subjected to further processes discarding various substances and leaving a pure uranium solution. Uranium is precipitated from the solution as a bright yellow mud and is packed for export in the form of a dry, mustard-coloured powder—uranium oxide.

Official secrecy surrounds nearly every detail about South Africa's uranium industry, including potential reserves, output, price and even destination though it is assumed that the bulk of it under contract goes either to the United States or Britain.

In Britain or the United States, the powdered uranium oxide from South Africa is refined again before being used in atomic energy projects. It can be reduced to its metallic state to feed an atomic pile or turned into a gas, uranium fluoride, for use in the separation of isotopes, employed in advanced physical, biological and medical scientific studies—China Mail Special.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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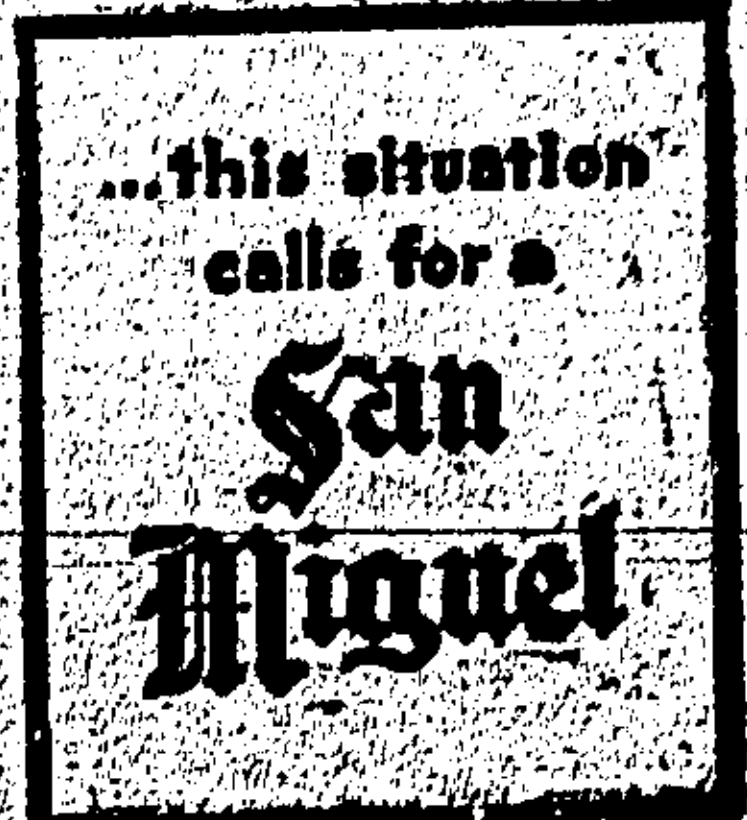
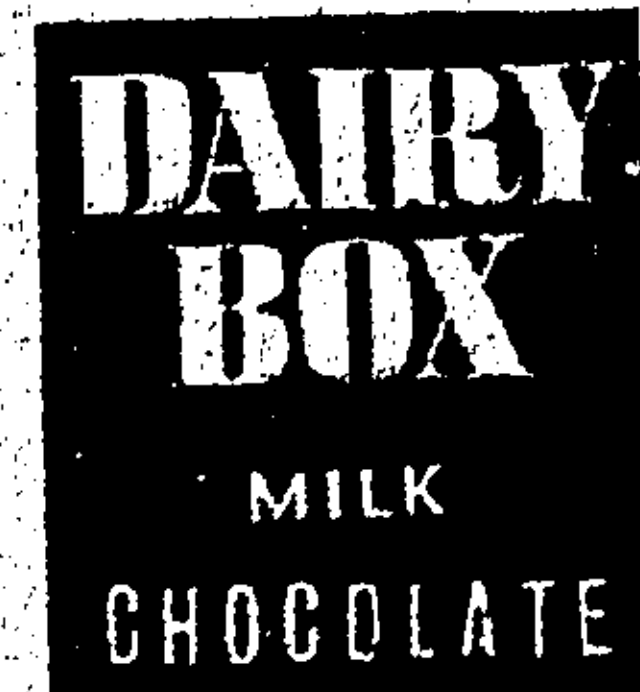
## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, May 31. Late demand for rails, pushing the group up a point on average, outweighed selling in aircraft today to give the market a firm tone. The rise lifted most carriers 1/2 point or so and boosted some issues a point or more.

Market commentators said there was some switching evident on the part of many investors. Facing which announced a substantial planned employment cutback at its Wichita Division, fell almost 3 points. Douglas was down more than 3, United more than 2.

**ALUMINUM DEMAND**  
Aluminum stocks continued in demand. Kaiser slumped around 2 points at one time but recovered all but 1 1/2 points. Steels were steady.

Out of 1,171 issues traded, 467 were lower, 444 higher, industrials averaged 0.80 point lower; rails 1.03 points higher and utilities 0.22 point lower.

Trading was only moderate with turnover of 1,590,000 shares, 230,000 below Friday and highest in a week.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,540,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 630,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

## YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alcoa Inc. Apy.	122 1/2
Alcoa Common	113
Aluminum Co. of Am.	73 1/2
American Airlines	47 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	50 1/2
American Metal	52 1/2
American Smelting	52 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	184 1/2
American Tug. & B.	68 1/2
Armstrong	52 1/2
Armstrong Steel	75
Armstrong Steel	12 1/2
Baldwin-Lancaster	46 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	46 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	52
Boeing Aircraft	114
Boeing Aircraft	114
Borden (The) Co.	61 1/2
Burrage	51 1/2
Canadian Pacific R.	51 1/2
Case (J. I.) Co.	48 1/2
C. I. Financial Corp.	47 1/2
Chase Nat. & Man.	75 1/2
Chrysler Motors	52 1/2
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	52 1/2
Commercial Credit	42
Consolidated Elec.	42 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	42 1/2
Continental Steel	28 1/2
Corn Products	28 1/2
Crane Co.	75 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	16 1/2
Cuban Amer. Sugar	21 1/2
Curtis Wright	21 1/2
Dupont de Nemours	80 1/2
Eastman Kodak	48 1/2
El Paso National Gas	48 1/2
General Electric	51 1/2
General Foods	51 1/2
General Motors	51 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	51 1/2
Glidden	40 1/2
Goodrich (F. F.) Co.	40 1/2
Goodrich Tire	40 1/2
Homestead Mining Co.	40 1/2
Inland Steel Co.	40 1/2
Int'l Business Machines	40 1/2
Int'l Harvester	40 1/2
International Nickel	40 1/2
International Paper	40 1/2
Int'l Tel. & Tel.	40 1/2
John-Manville Co.	40 1/2
Kaiser Steel Corp.	40 1/2
Kennecott Copper	40 1/2
Liggett Meyer Tob. Co.	40 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	40 1/2
Lowes Inc.	40 1/2
Lowe's Inc.	40 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	40 1/2
Minnesota Mining	40 1/2
Monroe Chemical Co.	40 1/2
Montgomery Ward	40 1/2
National Cash Reg.	40 1/2
National Distillers	40 1/2
National Steel Corp.	40 1/2
New York Central	40 1/2
Old Elmer's	40 1/2
Packaging Corp.	40 1/2
Pacific Western Oil	40 1/2
Pan American Airways	40 1/2
Paramount Pictures	40 1/2
Parker Davis Co.	40 1/2
Perry J.C. Co.	40 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Procter & Gamble Co.	40 1/2
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	40 1/2
Radio Corporation	40 1/2
Reo Motors	40 1/2
Republic Steel	40 1/2
Shell Oil Co.	40 1/2
Sinclair Oil	40 1/2
Socoma Vacuum	40 1/2
Southern Railway (Cons.)	40 1/2
Standard Brands	40 1/2
Standard Oil of Cal.	40 1/2
Standard Oil of Ind.	40 1/2
Standard Oil of N.J.	40 1/2
Stockholders' Equip. Co.	40 1/2
Swiss Consol. Corp.	40 1/2
Swift & Co.	40 1/2
Texas Co.	40 1/2
Union Carbide	40 1/2
United Aircraft	40 1/2
U.S. Cyanide	40 1/2
U.S. Lumber	40 1/2
U.S. Rubber	40 1/2
U.S. Smelting	40 1/2
U.S. Steel	40 1/2
Western Union	40 1/2
West Va. Pub. & Paper	40 1/2
Woolworth	40 1/2

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Lead	14.20
Tin	14.20
Zinc	14.20
Copper	14.20

## CANADA CONCERNED OVER US POLICY

## Government Budgets For Deficit NET DEBT REDUCED

Ottawa, May 31. Preoccupation with Canada's immediate and long-term economic future, combined with anxiety over the effect upon these of United States trading policies, marked the presentation of the 1955 budget to parliament in April.

The new Minister of Finance, Mr. Walter Harris, himself made an excursion into the realm of forecast in presenting his first budget. He is budgeting upon the anticipation of a rise in the rate of the gross national product from 24,000 million dollars in 1954 to 26,000 million dollars by the end of the present financial year, giving him 25,250 million dollars for this year as a whole.

Considering Canada's long-term future, Mr. Harris announced that a Royal Commission will be appointed to study the prospects of both foreign markets and internal resources.

He made an exceptionally extended reference to trade relations with the United States, expressing both considered appreciation and considered concern.

"In helping countries to restore stability in the post-war years, to expand production and to increase their international trade," he said, "no nation has played a more constructive role than the United States. As every member of this House is aware, the success that has already been recorded is largely due to generous and far-sighted American policies. In the past twelve months, however, while there was no basic change in American policies, there was a disappointing lack of progress towards actual reductions in trade barriers and there were discouraging signs of a revival of protectionist feeling in response to competitive conditions.

"I should remind the House that the United States administration has resisted proposals which, in our opinion, would not advance the cause of friendly and mutually advantageous trade. This resistance we welcome. On the other hand, it must be confessed that the resistance has not been uniformly successful.

"We all have our difficulties and it is not always possible to achieve ideal solutions. But it must be recognized that actions taken or even implied by the government of the United States may weaken support for liberal commercial policies and may impose upon those of us who are firm supporters of such policies a greater burden in defending them in our own countries.

"One country cannot attempt to get the maximum benefit at the cost of minimum adjustments without creating a desire in other countries to achieve the same result. There must be a reasonable give and take in any durable trade relationships, whether under the General Agreement for Tariffs and Trade or under any other system.

"It is of the utmost importance for the future of international economic co-operation that the United States should continue to give positive direction and leadership in reducing barriers to the free flow of world trade."

**WHOLLY UNUSUAL**

Among reasons behind this wholly unusual budget, speech reference are the following: American insistence upon the waiver clause in the Agreement permitting the United States agricultural support programme; United States restrictions on imports of oats, barley and rye through a quota system, continued restrictions against cheese and dried milk, and the threat of restriction of petroleum imports, whether by "voluntary" or by a statutory regulation.

Instances of the Washington Administration's resistance to pressure for restrictions include the case of fish stocks. It is also understood that the United States executive will not consider renewed demands for higher tariffs against Canadian lead and zinc.

So far as Canada's immediate prospects are concerned, Mr. Harris noted with appreciation the current upturn in the United States after the recession, but, pointing out the recession, he recorded a Canadian budgetary deficit of 148,000,000 dollars for the financial year just ended.

## Tea Won't Be Any Cheaper

London, May 31. The decision of the Indian Government to reduce by half the export duty on tea, will not have any effect on retail prices in Britain, leading buyers in London said today.

Mr. J. H. Pugh, an official of the tea news service, said "the auction price of tea is very low at the moment and this reduction in export duty will have no effect here. (The auction price fell from over 7s earlier this year to about 3s 6d per lb.)

A buyer said he thought the reduction had come as a result of pressure from producers. "So many companies in India are now rupee companies as distinct from sterling companies. They produce low quality tea generally speaking, and cannot stand the high rate of tax on their tea, which produces low profits," he added.

There are adequate stocks in Britain to meet present demand. Because of the Whitsun holiday, no tea auctions will be held in London this week. — France-Press.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$1,083,373. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

**SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES**

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C. Light (N) 14 1/2 16 1/2 100 0 14 1/2  
Electric 40 1/2 40 1/2 100 0 40 1/2  
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## Singapore Stock Market

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**British Borneo Petroleum**  
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## US-Japan Textile Agreement

New York, May 31. Women's Wear Daily reported today that the United States reached agreement with Japan and other governments at Geneva, Switzerland, calling for reduction in American duties on textiles, apparel, chemicals and other goods.

The agreement, the textile trade Daily reported in a Washington dispatch, will be signed on June 7.

"Details on what tariff cuts the United States has agreed to make for the benefit of Japan and other nations will not be disclosed for some time," the Daily said.

"State Department officials refuse to discuss even the time when the trade agreement will be approved," it added.

Women's Wear said it had learned the news of the signing on "Capitol Hill" in Washington.

Meanwhile, there was no confirmation available that an agreement had been reached in Washington or in Geneva.

The US delegation in Geneva would not comment on the negotiations. Some sources in Washington, however, indicated they understood negotiations had been making some progress.

But there was no word that negotiations had actually been completed or that the agreement would be signed on June 7.

## World Cotton Markets

New York, May 31. Cotton futures today resumed holiday-interrupted week with trading slow and prices still on the defensive.

Finishing on a reaction, the list showed net losses of 10 to 20 points at the close. The market opened off 1 to 6 points. New Orleans closed off 10 to 16 points.

Following last week's pattern, business originated among professional traders. The speculative element continued to mark time pending a clearer view of the crop picture and Washington developments on farm legislation and the export subsidy question.

Spot interests sold July against purchase at New Orleans. Other spot firms sold July and December contracts. Around the 33.90 cents level for July trading buying was more noticeable.

Covering against export sales to Yugoslavia and expected sales to Formosa held to stabilize prices.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

**NEW YORK**  
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

**NEW ORLEANS**  
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

**LIVERPOOL**  
Future closings, in pence per lb., American middling, were as follows:

**SAO PAULO**  
Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

**LONDON STOCK MARKET**  
The big railroad strike brought heavy selling into the stock market today.

Some foreign demand for selected "blue chips" helped to cushion the over-all decline.

The market also was under pressure from speculators who decided to realize the profits made during Friday's sharp post-election rise.

Leading industrials were hammered down by steady stream of selling orders.

Lancashire cotton fell more than 2s and Unilever and Woolworth more than 1s each.

Demand from the United States, sent Ford up 3s and Rolls-Royce nearly 2s.

Oils apparently ran into some demand from the US too. Shell tacked on a gain of 6d and Royal Dutch closed unchanged despite heavy profit-taking.

British Government bonds were under pressure most of the day. War Loan fell 15s to pace the decline. Foreign bonds moved up sharply. German 10s added as much as 21s.

United Press.

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**SPECIAL NOTE:** With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must pass through the Wharf Co's Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

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